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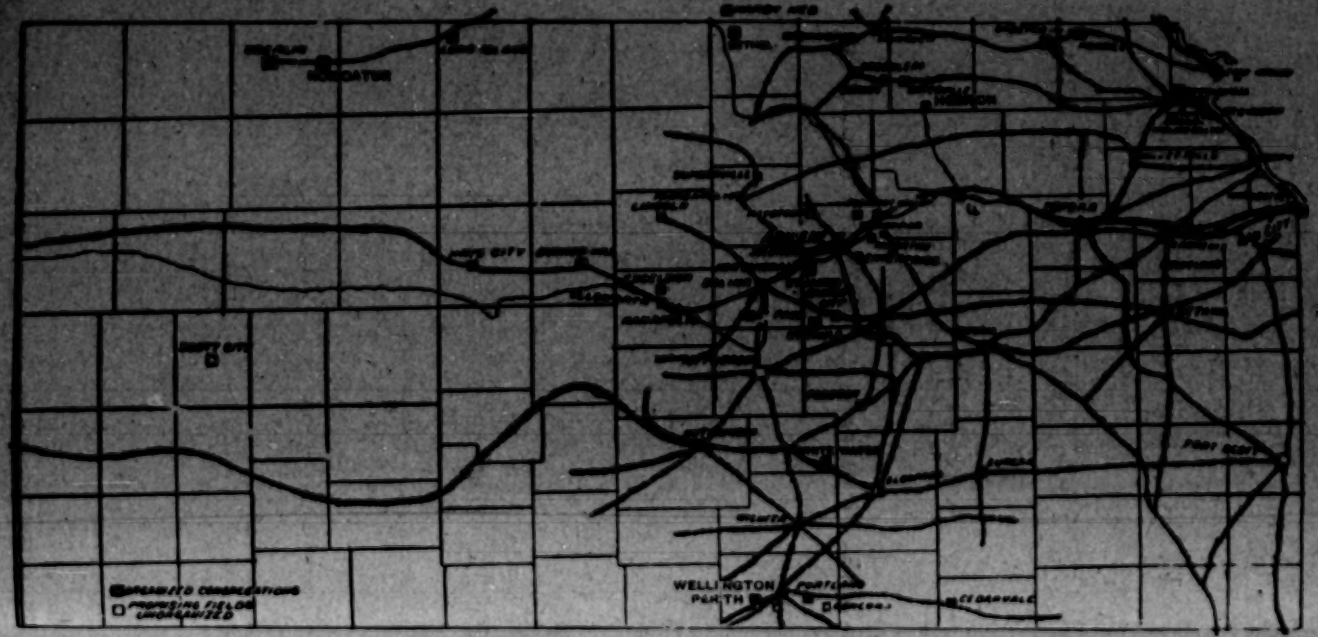

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Synodical Calendar, 1896-1897.

CORPORATE NAME.

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF KANSAS.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

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Rev. W. F. RENTZ.

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Rev. R. H. WILLIAMS, Rev. H. ACKER,
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Mr. A. KLEVER.

COMMITTEE ON PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

Rev. J. F. SEIBERT, Rev. J. M. LONG,
Dr. A. F. DRESEL.

SPEAKERS FOR 1897.

SYNODICAL SERMON.

Rev. A. E. WAGNER, President.

Principals.	*Alternates.*
HOME MISSIONS.	
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CHURCH EXTENSION.	
Rev. H. L. YARGER,	Rev. J. F. SEIBERT.
ORDINATION.	
Rev. J. H. STOUGH,	Rev. H. ACKER.

THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Time—Third Wednesday in October, 1897.
Place—St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Peabody, Kansas.

PLACES OF MEETING SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF KANSAS SYNOD.

No.	*Time.*	*Place.*
1.	November 5–7, 1868	Topeka, Kansas.
2.	April 2–5, 1869	Atchison, Kansas,
	October 6–10, 1869	Kansas City, Mo.
3.	October 5–10, 1870	Lawrence, Kansas.
4.	September 27–October 1. 1871	Grasshopper Falls, Kansas.
5.	September 11–14, 1872	Monrovia, Kansas
6.	October 1–6, 1873	Kansas City, Mo.
7.	October 21–25, 1874	Abilene, Kansas.
8.	September 22–27, 1875	Lawrence, Kansas.
9.	August 1–6, 1876	Kansas City, Mo.
10.	August 22–25, 1877	Salina, Kansas.
11.	August 7–10, 1878	Peabody, Kansas.
12.	September 24–28, 1879	Abilene, Kansas.
13.	October 13–18, 1880	Lawrence, Kansas.
14.	October 5–9, 1881	Bunker Hill, Kansas.
15.	October 25–30, 1882	Salina, Kansas.
16.	October 24–29, 1883	Eureka, Kansas.
17.	November 25–December 1, 1884	Topeka, Kansas.
18.	October 20–26, 1885	Peabody, Kansas.
19.	October 12–18, 1886	Waterville, Kansas.
20.	October 25–31, 1887	Abilene, Kansas.
21.	October 23–28. 1888	Lawrence, Kansas.
22.	October 1–6, 1889	Atchison, Kansas.
23.	October 21–27, 1890	Salina, Kansas.
24.	October 20–25, 1891	Emporia, Kansas.
25.	October 18–23, 1892	Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial.
26.	October 17–22, 1893	Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran church.
27.	October 16–21, 1894	Topeka, Kan., First Lutheran church.
28.	October 15–20, 1895	Abilene, Kan., Trinity Lutheran church.
29.	October 20–25, 1896	Lawrence, Kan., English Luth. church.

PROCEEDINGS

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OF

KANSAS.

The Twenty-ninth annual Session of the Synod of Kansas convened at the English Lutheran Church of Lawrence, Kansas, Rev. J. G. Griffith, pastor, on Tuesday evening, October 20, 1896.

The Synodical sermon was delivered by the President, Rev. W. F. Rentz. Theme: "The Living Water."

The Synodical communion was also celebrated, Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., celebrant.

FIRST SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 21., 1896.

Synod was called to order by the President, and opened in regular form with devotional services.

The clerical roll was called and lay delegates were received.

The following is the roll of this convention of Synod:

Synodical Roll.

	Ministers.	Entered Ministry	Residence.	Lay Delegates.
1	Rev. P. S. Nellis, *a. e*	1846	Hutchinson, Kans.	No charge.
2	" Jacob Schauer, *a. e*	1848	Atchison, Kans.	No charge.
3	" L. C. Groseclose, *a. e*	1849	Eureka, Kans.	No charge.
4	" S. Henry, *a. e*	1850	Independence, Kans.	No charge.
5	" J. B. McAfee	1854	Topeka, Kans.	No charge.
6	" G. A. Bowers, D. D.	1854	Emporia, Kans.	John Hoffer.
7	" B. F. Hills, *a. e*	1854	Elmo, Kans	No charge.
8	" A. B. Kirtland, *a. e*	1857	Salina, Kans.	No charge.
9	" Henry Heigerd, *a. e*	1858	Effingham, Kans.	No charge.
10	" H. Acker	1858	Whitewater, Kans.	No delegate.
11	" J. M. Long	1858	New Cambria, Kans.	No delegate.
12	" A. M. Geiger, D. D., *a. e*	1859	1013 Forrest Ave., Kansas City, Mo.	No charge.
13	" D. Scholl, *a. e*	1859	Wellsville, Kans.	No charge.
14	" R. B. Whitehill	1862	3424 Smart Ave., Kansas City, Mo.	No charge.
15	" W. M. Sparr, *a. e*	1864	Eureka, Kans.	No charge.
16	" A. J. Hesson, *a*	1867	Hutchinson, Kans.	No charge.
17	" J. G. Griffith	1867	Lawrence, Kans.	David Good.
18	" A. J. Hartsock, *a*	1867	McPherson, Kans.	No charge.
19	" J. H. Stough, Ph. D.	1872	Atchison, Kans.	Prof. Midland College
20	" H. C. Haithcox, D. D.	1872	Abilene, Kans.	T. E. Dewey.
21	" J. A. Bright	1873	Topeka, Kans.	No charge.
22	" J. F. Sponseller	1874	Minneapolis, Kans.	M. L. Scheffer.
23	" S. Palmer, *a. e*	1875	Abilene, Kans.	No charge.
24	" J. W. Kimmel	1875	Leavenworth, Kans.	C. C. Barnet.
25	" J. A. Lowe, *a. e*	1876	Jerico, Mo	A. Klever.
26	" J. M. Cromer	1876	Kansas City, Mo.	M. C. Ross.
27	" B. F. Pugh	1877	Wellington, Kans.	G. W. Gelbach.
28	" W. F. Rentz	1879	Atchison, Kans.	J. H. Berlin.
29	" H. M. Oberholtzer	1881	Salina, Kans.	Dr. J. E. Miller.
30	" F. D. Altman	1882	Atchison, Kans.	Pres. West. Theo. Sem.
31	" H. L. Yarger	1885	Atchison, Kans.	Field Sec'y Bd. Ch. Ex.
32	" George Sanderson, *a. e*	1886	Merriam, Kans.	No charge.
33	" Jonas Freet, *a. e*	1888	Norcatur, Kans.	No delegate.
34	" H. A. Koogle	1888	Chapman, Kans.	No delegate.
35	" J. B. Umberger	1889	Ottawa, Kans.	J. C. Pecht.
36	" S. C. Chatham, *a*	1889	Leavenworth, Kans.	No charge.
37	" J. F. Seibert	1891	Sedalia, Mo	Dr. A. F. Dresel.
38	" J. N. Lentz	1892	Greenleaf, Kans.	John Nelson.
39	" I. B. Heisey	1892	Waterville, Kans.	J. H. Reitzell.
40	" R. B. Wolf	1893	Eureka, Kans.	No delegate.
41	" H. Zimmerman	1894	Hays City, Kans.	H. Reemsnyder.
42	" E. F. Trefz	1894	St. Joseph, Mo.	E. Weddle, Jr.
43	" A. E. Wagner	1894	Topeka, Kans.	C. W. Horn.
44	" Paul G. Tonsing	1894	Beloit, Kans.	No delegate.
45	" S. Martin Lesher	1894	Valley Falls, Kans.	J. M. Dornblaser.
46	" R. H. Williams, *o*	1895	Peabody, Kans	Dr. J. E. Tressler.
47	" Julius Paetznick, *o*	1895	Glasco, Kans.	No delegate.
48	" B. F. Kistler, *o*	1896	Bunker Hill, Kans.	No delegate.
49	" A. M. Reitzell, *l*	1896	Atchison, Kans.	
50	" Maurice Berg, *l*	1896	Atchison, Kans.	
51	" J. J. Chambers, *l*	1896	Atchison, Kans.	
	Vacant	....	Hutchinson, Kans.	J. B. Wherfel.
		....	Kansas City Memorial	M. L. Bell.
		....	Ellsworth.	
		....	Morrill.	
		....	Portland.	
		....	Vinland.	
		....	Wichita.	

a. e. Absent and excused. *a.* Absent without excuse. *o.* Ordained. *l.* Licensed.

J. S. Detwiler DD

Advisory Members.

Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Western Secretary Board of Home Missions, Des Moines, Iowa.

Rev. J. A. Clutz, D. D., President of Midland College, Atchison, Kansas.

Rev. D. Summers, of East Ohio Synod.

Rev. G. Scholl, D. D., Secretary Board of Foreign Missions.

Corresponding Members.

Rev. J. H. Lockwood, D. D., District Secretary American Bible Society, Salina, Kansas.

Rev. W. H. Zimmerman, Presiding Elder Kansas City District, Methodist Episcopal Church.

Rev. F. D. Rademecher, pastor of the German Methodist Episcopal Church, Lawrence, Kansas.

Rev. R. Cordley, D. D., pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church, Lawrence, Kansas.

Rev. D. W. McQueshon, pastor of the United Presbyterian Church, Lawrence, Kansas.

Rev. James Marvin, D. D., Ex-Chancellor of the State University, Lawrence, Kansas.

Rev. Willis Banker, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Lawrence, Kansas.

President's Report.

The President read his Annual Report as follows:

Brethren of Kansas Synod: Another year of earnest, anxious labor has been spent in the Lord's vineyard. Once more we are met in annual Synodical Convention for encouragement and inspiration in our work. May this meeting prove a fountain of cheer and strength to every weary toiler, is our prayer in His name.

I. IN MEMORIAM.

Rev. Charles Martin, D. D.

We are reminded by the absence of our venerable Father Martin that another faithful servant has gone to his reward, and where he rests from his labors, and his works will follow him. A suitable tribute to the memory of our departed brother, this fallen prince in Israel will, be prepared by a Memorial Committee.

The following is a synopsis of my official acts during the year:

II. DISMISSALS.

Rev. A. Sell, Chapman, Kan., March 10, 1896, to St. James, Ill., to Central Illinois Synod.

Rev. J. A. Buzzard, Morrill, Kan., to the English Nebraska Synod, June 26, 1896.

Rev. W. H. Wynn, D. D., Ames, Iowa, to Evangelical Synod of Iowa, September 9, 1896.

III. ACCESSIONS.

Rev. B. F. Kistler, of the Western Theological Seminary, took charge of the Bunker Hill pastorate, July 1, 1896.

Rev. J. S. Detweiler, D. D., August 21, 1896, from the Nebraska Synod, took charge of the Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., October, 1895.

Rev. Julius Paetznick, a licentiate of the Wittenberg Synod, took charge of Glasco Church, June 1, 1896. The brother asks for ordination at this meeting of Synod.

Rev. R. B. Whitehill, October 2, 1896, from Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Central Illinois.

IV. INSTALLATIONS.

Rev. H. Zimmerman was installed pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Hays City, Kan., October 21, 1895, President of Synod officiating.

Rev. Paul G. Tonsing was installed pastor of Zion's Lutheran Church, Beloit, Kan., December 8, 1895, Rev. H. L. Yarger, of Kansas Synod, and Rev. Frederic Schwarz, of the German Evangelical Synod of Nebraska, officiating.

V. RESIGNATIONS.

Rev. A. J. Hesson resigned the Hutchinson pastorate, March 12, 1896.

Rev. J. S. Detwiler, D. D., resigned the Children's Memorial Church, August 1, 1896.

VI. SUPPLIES.

Rev. Maurice Berg served the Sabetha charge for three months, beginning his labors June 14, 1896.

Rev. A. M. Reitzell served the Hutchinson pastorate for three months from June 14, 1896.

Rev. H. A. Koogle is supplying the Chapman charge in connection with his present field at Elmo.

Rev. J. S. Detweiler D.D., is serving the Children's Memorial, Kansas City, Mo., for the present.

VII. CORNER-STONE LAYING.

The corner-stone of the Trinity Lutheran Church, Sedalia, Mo., was laid July 12, 1896, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., and Rev. H. L. Yarger officiating.

VIII. MIDLAND COLLEGE.

We are rejoiced to know that Midland is forging to the front. While her enrollment is not much, if any, in advance of last year, yet if church institutions hold their own these times, in competition with State universities, where tuition is free, there is reason for encouragement. Hence we congratulate Midland on her continued prosperity, and pledge her again our most loyal and zealous support.

IX. THE WESTERN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

This, the youngest institution of our church, is full of promise. In this department there are four more students than last year, seven in all. The vacancies in the Kansas and Nebraska Synods are fast being filled up by her graduates. May God bless richly our college and seminary, and make them pillars of education and righteousness in the midst of our beloved Zion.

X. MISCELLANEOUS.

The church at Valley Falls, under the leadership of Rev. S. M. Lesher, succeeded in liquidating a seven hundred dollar debt during the year.

The Lutheran church at Greenleaf, Rev. J. Nelson Lentz, pastor, expended six hundred dollars ($600) in improvements.

St. Mark's, Atchison, Rev. W. F. Rentz, pastor, decreased their debt five hundred dollars ($500).

The Norcatur church, Rev. Jonas Freet, pastor, spent $300 in improvements.

Also several other churches have expended considerable amounts in improving their places of worship, all of which is certainly commendable for these times.

The Lutherans of Marshall and Washington counties rallied again this season on the banks of the Blue River at Waterville, under the supervision of Rev. I. B. Heisey, and from all accounts had a grand, good time. Would that these rallies could be multiplied in our Synod.

XI. STATE OF RELIGION.

In examining the reports on the State of Religion, we notice:

1. *Some encouragements.*

a. That the Lutheran and Scriptural custom of infant baptism is growing in favor in our midst. This speaks volumes for pastoral fidelity and filial piety.

b. Family worship is apparently more generally observed than heretofore. With God's blessing daily invoked on our homes, we cannot well expect too much from Zion.

c. With few exceptions, our Sunday-schools all co-operate in benevolence. Aside from the gifts thus gathered, the training in giving will tell blessedly on the church of the future. May God help us train our youths to do liberal things for God.

2. *Some Discouragements.*

a. Systematic benevolence is not yet an accomplished fact in all our churches. This is such an important matter, that we must keep at it until this work is thoroughly systematized in every congregation. I firmly believe, where the pastor has the will and a plan, and work his plans as a rule, he will raise his apportionment.

b. In a few congregations there are no missionary societies. A church these days can hardly afford to be without a missionary society or a young people's society.

c. In many charges we notice a tardiness in paying the pastor's salary.

Brethren, let us urge our councils to be faithful in keeping their installation vows; and then let us exercise the grace of patience as best we can, fully believing that God, who feedeth the sparrows, will not forsake His servants in their need.

d. The lack of spiritual awakenings in our churches is to be lamented. Oh! that God could visit all our pastors and people with power from on high. May this be the prayer of every heart: "O, Lord, revive thy work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years, make known; in wrath, remember mercy." Hab. iii. 2.

IN CONCLUSION.

As we meet in this Synodical Convention, at the close of another year, and review our work, how meagre it seems in comparison to what we hoped to do, or to what the Master expected of us. But we humbly lay our work at the foot of the cross, and ask Him who hung thereon, to forgive our failures, and give us grace and strength to go on doing His blessed will. May we, each and all, find grace sufficient for our day and trial. Thanking you for your kindly consideration and cordial co-operation during our incumbency of the executive office of this Synod, we now lay down the trust committed to our care for the past two years, praying that the presence and power of the Holy Spirit may be upon us, as a Synod, in all our sessions.

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be glory and honor, for ever and ever, Amen."

Respectfully submitted, W. F. RENTZ.

Election of Officers.

The election resulted as follows:

President—A. E. Wagner, Topeka, Kansas.

Secretary—H. M. Oberholtzer, Salina, Kansas.

Treasurer—A. L. Selig, Lawrence, Kansas.

Election of Trustees.

The following were elected:

W. F. Rentz, A. E. Wagner, F. D. Altman.

Election of Advisory Board of Home Missions.

Rev. H. Acker was elected for a term of three years.

The closing devotional half hour was conducted by R. B. Whitehill.

SECOND SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by G. A. Bowers.

Minutes were read and approved.

Appointment of Committees.

The following committees were appointed by the President:

No. 1. *President's Report*—H. Acker, R. B. Whitehill, J. B. Wherfel.

No. 2. *Treasurer's Report*—T. E. Dewey, C. W. Horn, A. F. Dresel.

No. 3. *Admission and Dismission of Churches*—J. M. Cromer, B. F. Pugh, J. M. Dornblaser.

No. 4. *Leave of Absence and Excuses*—W. F. Rentz, H. Zimmerman, J. E. Tressler.

No. 5. *Apportionment*—J. N. Lentz, H. A. Koogle, M. C. Ross.

No. 6. *Devotional Services*—J. G. Griffith, H. M. Oberholtzer, A. E. Wagner.

No. 7. *Synodical Calendar*—H. C. Haithcox, D. D., R. H. Williams, J. H. Berlin.

No. 8. *Minutes of Conference*—S. M. Lesher, J. W. Kimmel, John Hoffer.

No. 9. *Resolutions*—F. D. Altman, J. B. Umberger, J. E. Miller.

No. 10. *Literature*—E. F. Trefz, John A. Bright, Frederick Weddle, Jr.

No. 11. *Correspondence*—J. H. Stough, P. G. Tonsing, David Good.

No. 12. *Vacant Congregations*—I. B. Heisey, W. F. Rentz, H. Reemsnyder.

No. 13. *Memorial*—Geo. A. Bowers, J. B. McAfee, E. F. Trefz.

No. 14. *Communication of Rev. J. S. Detweiler*—H. C. Haithcox, H. Acker, J. F. Sponseller, J. H. Berlin, C. W. Horn.

Reporters for the Press.

Associated Press—J. M. Cromer.
Lawrence Daily World—H. Zimmerman.
Lawrence Daily Journal—J. G. Griffith.
The Lutheran Observer—E. F. Trefz.
The Lutheran Evangelist—R. H. Williams.
The Lutheran World—J. F. Seibert.

Report of the Trustees of the Tressler Orphans' Home.

On account of distance and expense, neither of your trustees attended the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees, held at the Home in Loysville, Pa., in June. They did, however, send a letter of greeting and gratulation, with the assurance that more substantial interest would be manifest through our usual contributions. Our Treasurer informs us that our synodical apportionment for this cause has been more than met, thus redeeming our pledge. Our church papers, together with the little paper published at the Home in its interest, give so full general information regarding it, that it is thought needless to enter into details as to its work and needs in this report. Suffice it to say that the Home is now in better condition, and more successfully accomplishing its mission, than hitherto in its history. One hundred and forty-seven children are now on its roll, with still more applications pending. The want of funds to maintain them precludes the reception of many who have sought its protection and benefits. Its former officers were re-elected at the annual meeting. Its treasurer reported the receipts from all sources, including last years' balance, at $20,691.34; expenditures, $13,470.04 leaving $7,221.30 in his hands, which sum enables the Board to make some greatly needed additions and improvements to its material equipment. Of course, we bespeak this Synod's continued interest in this cause, which needs no special commendation from us.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. HILLS,
J. E. TRESSLER,
Trustees.

Adopted.

Interesting and profitable reports concerning the spiritual and temporal outlook of the various charges of the Synod were offered by their Synodical representatives.

Report of Committee on the Death of Rev. Charles Martin, M. D.

"Life hath many farewells
As it hath sunny hours;
Over some are scattered thorns
And over others flowers."

WHEREAS, During the revolving sequence of the past Synodical year, the glory-chariot of the Master came and transported from this mortal to yon immortal, from long terrestrial service to eternal celestial rest and blessedness, the senior member of this Synod, the venerable and venerated Rev. Dr. Charles Martin, of St. Joseph, Mo., therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of this octogenarian preacher and educator, the Synod of Kansas mourns the loss of a magisterial personality; a man of ripe and mellow piety, of lovely Christian spirit and charming suavity of manner, and of venerable presence: a man, who in the meridian of his years, and at the zenith of his effectiveness as a preacher, was a model of esthetic grace and dignity; a man who calls to mind Mrs. Welby's lines—

"Thy faults were slight and few
As human faults could be,
And thy virtues were as many, too,
As gems beneath the sea;"

a man to whom God granted a long and useful life, and who lived as lives a a peaceful dove, and died as blossoms die.

"His life was like a full-blown flower,
Closed by the shades of even;
His death the dawn, the long'd for hour
That opes the gates of heaven.

"Sweet was his end, a calm release;
No clingings to this mortal clod;
He closed his eyes and stood in peace
Before a smiling God.

"Shrined with many a sweet, sad thought,
His memory lingers still,
For he has left a void that naught
But mournful thoughts can fill."

Resolved, That as a Synod, we tenderly cherish his memory, submissively mourn his loss, and offer to his bereaved family our loving sympathy and condolence.

Resolved, That in laying this tearful tribute of affection upon the tomb of

our departed father in Christ, we mingle with it the fervent prayer, that our own end when it comes may be equally fragrant and blessed.

"Yet many a tear our eyes may need to weep,
And many a sin need be forgiven,
Ere our pale lids may sink to sleep,
And we and he shall meet in heaven."

Respectfully submitted, GEORGE A. BOWERS,
EDWARD F. TREFZ.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by H. Acker.

EVENING SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, 7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

The anniversary services of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Synodical Society were held, Mrs. E. C. Beegle, President, presiding.

THIRD SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 : 00 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by J. S. Detweiler.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.

(See Appendix A.)

The report was referred to an Auditing Committee.

On motion, the notes of beneficiaries who have failed to comply with the requirements of Synod were referred to the

Committee on Beneficiary Education, with instructions to collect, if practicable.

J. S. Detweiler, with the consent of Synod, made a statement concerning his past and present connection with the Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial Lutheran church. The matter was referred to a committee of five members of Synod.

Report of Committee on Benevolence Envelopes.

Your Committee on Benevolence Envelopes has completed its duties, and has had the envelopes printed and distributed among the different pastorates of the Kansas Synod.

The expense for the same is as follows:

For printing	$10 80
Postage for same	3 00
	$13 80

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. WILLIAMS,
J. E. TRESSLER,
H. ACKER.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by F. D. Altman.

FOURTH SESSION.

THURSDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by R. B. Whitehill.

Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Advisory Home Mission Board.

Your Committee did what it could working at such long range, in the matter of filling vacancies in our Synod. Had a brief correspondence with the Chapman charge early in the year, but they felt unable financially to call a man at that time. Later this congregation secured Rev. H. A. Koogle, of Elmo, as a temporary supply.

We were enabled to have the Hutchinson charge supplied by Rev. A. M. Reitzel of the Western Theological Seminary for three months this summer.

Bunker Hill and Excelsior have called Rev. B. F. Kistler as their pastor, beginning his labors July 1st.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

1. We desire to acknowledge with gratitude our indebtedness to the Board of Home Missions for past assistance on our territory, and pray that our present missions be continued on their funds.

2. In addition, we would recommend to the Board of Home Missions our present vacancies, viz., Sabetha, Kansas, Ellsworth, Manchester, Portland, Wichita, Vineland and Hutchinson, and ask them to co-operate with the Advisory Board of Home Missions in caring for these fields.

3. It is recommended that, whenever it is possible, the brethren of Synod supply neighboring stations and mission points of promise with occasional service. This would relieve the stress of the situation somewhat, and probably save some future strongholds for our beloved Zion.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. RENTZ,
H. ACKER,
H. C. HAITHCOX.

Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

It is recommended that Chapman, Hiawatha, Banner City, St. James, Manchester and Pleasant Valley consider the propriety of being supplied from the Abilene church, and it is further recommended that the Abilene church, if the plan is satisfactory to the congregations named, call an assistant pastor for this work.

S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, spoke in the interest of that object.

Report of Committee on Correspondence.

Your Committee on Correspondence would report that the only document placed in their hands is a letter from the President and Secretary of the Board of Education. We hereby place on record our appreciation of the faithful work and the profound interest of this Board in the work of education in the West. We recommend:

1. That this letter be read to the Synod and spread upon the minutes.

2. That this Synod does most urgently press upon the pastors and churches the absolute need and the practical wisdom at this crisis of meeting the apportionment in full for this object.

3. We recommend to this end that our pastors be requested to observe wherever possible the Sabbath devoted to this object, both by taking a collection on that day and preaching on the subject.

4. That the pastors and churches be requested to open their pulpits to the Presidents of the Seminary and College on our territory, and aid and en-

courage them in every way in the presentation of their work and the raising of endowment for our institutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HOWARD STOUGH,
PAUL G. TONSING,
DAVID GOOD.

Adopted.

The following is the letter from the Board of Education referred to in report of Committee on Correspondence.

ABILENE, KAN., OCT. 12, 1896.

To the Kansas Synod.—Dear Brethren: In the providence of God the logic of events is demonstrating two things:

1. The wisdom of the General Synod in her special effort to strengthen her education work and to establish a theological seminary in the west. It is the nick of time with us, and we must not delay.

2. That the church needs to awake to the education of the people in her faith and to the faithful scriptural training of a ministry for her pulpits. The logic of the state schools will eliminate the religious factor from their work and the church must have and maintain her schools or fail in her mission.

We therefore kindly and earnestly appeal to all the pastors and churches in your bounds to raise the apportionment of ten cents per member. In the beginning of such an enterprise as this we can scarcely do with less.

May the Holy Spirit guide us all through the word, keep us in communion with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ, and make us faithful to our opportunity and responsibility in so important a matter.

Very fraternally yours,

M. RHODES, *Pres.*
H. C. HAITHCOX, *General Secretary.*

P. S.—It is very important that all our western synods rally enthusiastically for our western schools. *Gen. Sec.*

Report of Committee on Leavenworth Mission.

The Committee appointed to visit our Mission at Leavenworth and ascertain what can be done to promote the best interest of that mission (see last year's Minutes, page 25) reported the condition of said mission and made a certain following recommendation, which recommendation as amended and adopted is as follows:

"In order to promote the best interest of the Leavenworth Mission, we recommend the Board of Home Missions to render the financial aid asked for by the Mission, with the promise that the Mission and its pastor co-operate heartily with the Board of Home Missions and the other Boards of the Church."

Adjourned with prayer by J. B. Umberger.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY, 7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

Inspiring addresses on Home Missions were given by J. M. Cromer and S. B. Barnitz, Western Secretary of the Board of Home Missions.

FIFTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 : 45 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by D. Summers.

Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Parochial Reports.

(See Appendix B.)

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Conferences.

Your Committee on the Minutes of Conferences report that the Northeast and Northwest Conferences each held a very interesting and profitable meeting, in which the ladies of the respective missionary conferences took part.

The Southwest Conference held no meeting.

Whereas members of Synod living in Missouri have expressed a desire for a conference on their own territory, we recommend that their request be granted

Respectfully submitted,

S. M. LESHER,
J. W. KIMMEL,
JOHN HOFFER.

Adopted.

Report of Auditing Committee.

(See Appendix A.)

Adopted.

Time and Place of Next Meeting of Synod.

Peabody, Kansas, was selected as the place, and the third Wednesday of October as the time of next meeting of Synod.

Report of Committee on Vacant Charges.

Your Committee on Vacant Charges desire to report that they find the following charges vacant, namely: Ellsworth, Hutchinson, Kansas City, (Child-

ren's Memorial,) Manchester, Morrill, Portland, Vinland and Wichita. The Chapman charge is also vacant, but both churches are being supplied by Rev. H. A. Koogle.

I. B. HEISEY,
W. F. RENTZ,
H. REEMSNYDER.

Adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the congregations mentioned in this report which are not missions be referred to the officers of Synod.

Election of Delegates to the General Synod.

The following were elected:

CLERICAL.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
A. E. Wagner,	H. Acker,
H. C. Haithcox,	J. F. Seibert,
J. M. Cromer,	H. L. Yarger,
F. D. Altman,	R. H. Williams,
H. M. Oberholtzer.	I. B. Heisey.

LAY.

Principal.	*Alternate.*
Ira S. Fleck,	A. F. Dresel,
T. E. Dewey,	E. J. Miller,
M. C. Ross,	J. H. Berlin,
A. L. Selig,	J. B. Wherfel,
J. M. Dornblaser.	Geo. S. Funk.

Report of Committee on President's Report.

Your committee having carefully considered the report of the President, respectfully submit the following:

The report shows that the President has been faithful and diligent in the discharge of his official duties.

We rejoice to learn of the prosperous condition of our institution at Atchison, and the hopeful prospects for the future.

While there are no recommendations requiring the special action of Synod, yet your committee would emphasize his suggestion with reference to the adoption of system in gathering the benevolence of the church.

Respectfully submitted,

H. ACKER,
R. B. WHITEHILL,
J. B. WHERFEL.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by J. A. Clutz.

SIXTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 2 : 00 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by M. Berg.

Minutes were read and approved.

Report of Committee on Beneficiary Education.

Your Committee on Beneficiary Education report that during the past academic year aid has been given to E. E. Stauffer, Maurice Berg and A. M. Reitzel. These young men have been very faithful in the pursuit of their studies and commendable in their deportment.

Your Committee would make the following recommendations:

1. That Ezra E. Stauffer be granted aid for the coming year in the sum of $150.00.

2. That Maurice Berg be granted aid for the coming year in the sum of $150.00.

3. That A. M. Reitzel be granted aid for the coming year in the sum of $150.00.

Respectfully submitted,

A. E. WAGNER,
J. G. GRIFFITH.

Adopted.

On motion, seventeen cents per member was apportioned for the cause of Beneficiary Education.

George Scholl, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, was given an opportunity to speak on that important subject.

J. A. Clutz, President of Midland College, spoke in the interest of that institution.

Adjourned with prayer by Geo. Scholl.

EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, 7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

The evening session was occupied with addresses upon Education by H. C. Haithcox, Secretary of the Board of Education, and Foreign Missions by Geo. Scholl, Secretary of Board of Foreign Missions.

SEVENTH SESSSION.

SATURDAY, 9:00 A. M.

Synod opened with prayer by J. H. Lockwood.

J. H. Lockwood, District Secretary of the American Bible Society, spoke in the interest of that work.

An effort was made by Synod to raise $25.00 to place a window in the church of the Sedalia mission, to be known as the Kansas Synod memorial window.

F. D. Altman, President of the Western Theological Seminary, addressed the Synod in the interests of that institution.

H. C. Haithcox presented the work of the Board of Education.

Report of Committee on Apportionment.

Your Committee on Apportionment have apportioned the following amounts per member for the various objects of Synod:

General Synod Treasury	$0 015
Synodical Treasury	10
Home Missions	26
Foreign Missions	205
Church Extension	205
Board of Education	10
Beneficiary Education	17
Pastors' Fund	10
Orphans' Home	05
Deaconess Board	035
Home for the Aged	05
	$1 29

Respectfully submitted,

J. NELSON LENTZ,
H. A. KOOGLE,
M. C. ROSS.

(See Appendix C.)

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod.

Your Committee on Minutes of Last Meeting of Synod have examined the same, and find on page 20 a resolution calling for a committee to procure endowment for a professorship in Midland College.

What has the committee accomplished?

Also on page 21 a resolution instructing all pastors of Synod to lift an offering on the Day of Prayer for Colleges, for the library fund of Midland College. Was that done?

Respectfully submitted, J. B. UMBERGER.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

WHEREAS, The State of Kansas has placed the liquor traffic under the ban, and as the Church of Christ is vitally interested in the control and suppression if possible of the drink evil, we offer the following:

Resolved 1, That we favor the present Prohibitory liquor law of this state, and

Resolved 2, That we are in favor of its enforcement in every part of the state.

Resolved 3, That the enforcement of this law rests quite largely with the public officers, executive and judicial; and be it further

Resolved 4, That we believe it is unwise and unsafe for any friend of Temperance to vote for any officer, judicial, legislative, or executive, who has by word or act, private or official, shown either indifference or opposition to the law or its rigid enforcement in every part of the state.

Respectfully submitted, A. E. WAGNER,
H. ZIMMERMAN.

Adopted.

Report of Committee on Synodical Calendar.

(See Synodical Calendar, page 2.)

Adjourned with prayer by J. H. Berlin.

EIGHTH SESSION.

SATURDAY, 2 P. M.

Synod opened with prayer by B. F. Kistler.

On motion the Secretary was instructed to omit all titles of ministers and laymen of Synod after Synodical roll.

H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of Church Extension Board, presented the work of that Board.

Mrs. Miles, of the Friends, spoke touchingly concerning the needs of Armenia.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee find that many important subjects have been referred to special committees for consideration, and action has already been taken upon them by Synod. We beg leave, however, to present the following:

1. *Resolved*, That we have heard with great pleasure and profit the representatives of the Boards of Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Church Extension and Education, and we hereby express our deep interest and confidence in these very efficient agencies for the advancement of the Master's cause in our church.

2. *Resolved*, That we look with favor upon the work of the American Bible Society, and commend it to the considerate attention of our pastors and congregations.

3. *Resolvdd*, That we have been profoundly impressed with the unfortunate condition of the Armenian Christians within the limits of the Turkish government, to which our attention has been directed by Mrs. Margaret H. Miles, and that we place on record our sympathy for these persecuted people, and unite with other ecclesiastical bodies and friends of humanity in calling upon the executive powers of the United States of America to use active means to bring speedily to an end the present condition of affairs in Armenia.

4. *Resolved*, That we have listened with joy to the encouraging reports given us by the President of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary concerning the educational institutions of our Church within our borders. It is gratifying to know that during these times of financial stringency, substantial progress has been made; and we would urge upon our Lutheran people on this territory the importance of making offerings, however small, toward the permanent endowment of both these institutions of learning.

5. *Resolved*, That this Synod hereby expresses its sincere thanks and highest appreciation to the pastor and his wife, the members of this church, and other friends, for their genuine hospitality in the entertainment of the Synod; also to the choir for their excellent music, to the local Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of this church for the delightful reception given on Thursday evening; to Mr. J. B. Watkins for the use of rooms in his building for committee work and the Woman's Convention; and to the press of the city for the very full and satisfactory reports printed of our proceedings.

6. *Resolved*, That the President of Synod be authorized to read the above resolution to the congregation at the service on Sabbath evening.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
J. B. UMBERGER,
J. E. MILLER.

Report of Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses.

Your Committee on Leave of Absence and Excuses would report that they have received letters from the following brethren giving reasons for absence during the entire meeting, viz.: (1) Revs. C. Groseclose, S. Palmer, Jonas

Freet, P. S. Nellis, Henry Heigerd, J. A. Lowe, Geo. Sanderson, W. M. Sparr, B. F. Hills, S. Henry, A. B. Kirtland, J. Schauer, A. M. Geiger and D. Scholl. (2) Also, verbal excuses for absence from part of the meeting, Rev. J. F. Seibert, Mr. J. M. Dornblaser, Mr. J. H. Berlin and Dr. A. F. Dresel.

We recommend that the above mentioned brethren be excused.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. RENTZ,
H. ZIMMERMAN,
J. E. TRESSLER.

Adopted.

Resolved, That hereafter the Committee on Leave of Absence be instructed to excuse no clergyman, except in case of serious sickness or death.

Adopted.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed by Synod to publish 1,000 copies of the Minutes, also to publish in this year's edition an abstract of the Minutes of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

On motion, the Secretary was instructed to notify members of Synod at future meetings, of the action of this Synod with reference to excuses.

Board of Trustees.

The Board was organized by the election of A. E. Wagner, Topeka, Kans., President; H. M. Oberholtzer, Salina, Kans., Secretary; A. L. Selig, Lawrence, Kans., Treasurer.

Synod adjourned with prayer by W. F. Rentz.

EVENING SESSION.

SATURDAY, 7 : 30 O'CLOCK.

Addresses on Church Extension were given by H. L. Yarger, Field Secretary of Church Extension Board, and J. M. Long.

Synod adjourned with prayer.

H. M. OBERHOLTZER, *Secretary*.

MINISTERIUM.

SATURDAY, 11 : 30 A. M.

Ministerium opened with prayer by J. H. Stough.

Report of Examining Committee.

Your Committee on Examination has the following applicants for ordination:

Rev. R. H. Williams, pastor of the Lutheran church, Peabody, Kansas.

Rev. B. F. Kistler, a recent graduate of the Western Theological Seminary and pastor of the Bunker Hill charge.

Rev. Julius Paetznick, a licentiate of Wittenberg Synod and graduate of the German Theological Seminary of Chicago, and pastor of the German Lutheran church at Glasco, Kansas.

The committee would recommend these three brethren for ordination.

The following young men, members of the senior class of the Western Theological Seminary, have applied for licensure:

A. M. Reitzel, Maurice Berg and J. J. Chambers.

After proper examination, and careful inquiry into their motives for entering the ministry, we are satisfied with their preparation, and would recommend them for licensure by this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. ALTMAN,
J. M. CROMER,
H. C. HAITHCOX,
H. ACKER,
H. M. OBERHOLTZER.

Adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by J. G. Griffith.

H. M. OBERHOLTZER, *Secretary.*

SERMONS AND ADDRESSES.

Tuesday Evening—Synodical Sermon, W. F. Rentz.

Wednesday Evening—Anniversary of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, Mrs. E. C. Beegle presiding.

Thursday Evening—Addresses on Home Missions. Rev. J. M. Cromer, Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

Friday Evening—Addresses on Education and on Foreign Missions by Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D., and Rev. Geo. Scholl, D.D.

Saturday Evening—Addresses on Church Extension, Rev. H. L. Yarger, Rev. J. M. Long.

Sunday Morning—Rev. A. E. Wagner.

Sunday, 3 P. M.—Christian Endeavor Rally, Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer, A. M. Reitzel, R. B. Wolf, I. B. Heisey.

Sunday Evening—Ordination Sermon, Rev. Geo. A. Bowers, D. D.

Congregational.

Morning—Rev. H. C. Haithcox, D. D.

Presbyterian.

Morning—Rev. H. M. Oberholtzer.
Evening—Rev. R. B. Wolf.

Methodist.

Morning—Rev. J. F. Sponseller.
Evening—Rev. H. L. Yarger.

Baptist.

Morning—Rev. W. F. Rentz.
Evening—Rev. H. Zimmerman.

United Presbyterian.

Morning—Rev. S. M. Læsher.
Evening—Rev. J. Paetznick.

German Methodist.

Morning—Rev. J. Paetznick.
Evening—Rev. J. A. Bright.

Methodist—North Side.

Morning—Rev. J. M. Long.

African Baptist—North Side.

Morning—Rev. H. A. Koogle.

African Baptist—Warren St.

Morning—Rev. I. B. Heisey.

Swedish Lutheran.

Morning—Rev. H. Acker.

Haskell Institute.

Sunday School, 3 p. m.—Rev. B. F. Pugh, Dr. J. E. Tressler.

Haskell Institute.

Evening Service—Rev. W. F. Rentz.

Vinland Lutheran.

Morning—Rev. H. L. Yarger.

Y. M. C. A.

Afternoon, 4 o'clock—Rev. J. A. Bright.

APPENDIX A.—Report of the Treasurer

Congregations and Charges.	General Synod Treasury.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.
Abilene, Trinity	$6 35	$21 10	$52 75	$39 20	$11 90	$31 10	$42 20
Atchison, St. Mark's	4 95	16 70	41 25	36 50	33 00	16 50	33 00
Banner City, Mt. Zion	70	2 40	4 76	4 15	3 68	2 56	5 07
Banner City, St. James'	.....	2 17	3 74	5 53	2 89	1 52	1 50
Barnes, Messiah	.....	2 00	7 50	6 00	6 00	1 15	6 00
Barnes, Trinity	36	1 20	3 00	2 50	2 40	1 20	2 40
Beloit, Zion's	1 70	5 60	14 00	11 20	11 20	.....	11 20
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion	1 00	3 40	3 22	.....	3 00	1 08	3 00
Bunker Hill, Excelsior	65	2 50	7 45	.....	.....	.....	50
Chapman, Scherer Memorial	.....	1 00	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chapman, Ebenezer	.....	1 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Norway, Evangelical Lutheran	4 00	10 00	21 53	17 20	17 20	10 38	18 00
Emporia, St. Mark's	2 45	8 10	20 25	16 20	16 20	8 10	16 20
Eureka, Christ's	1 75	5 90	15 47	7 27	6 68	5 00	11 80
Ellsworth, St. Paul's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ellsworth, Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Effingham, First Lutheran	73	5 80	13 50	.....	8 78	5 80	11 60
Effingham, St. Paul's	.....	1 86	12 00	.....	9 60	4 80	9 60
Hays City, Trinity	1 30	5 84	12 00	8 80	8 80	4 40	8 80
Hutchinson, Zion	.....	.....	5 50	.....	5 29	.....	.....
Jericho, Mo., Bethel	95	1 60	5 30	3 20	6 40	1 60	4 70
Kansas City, Mo., First Lutheran	.....	27 50	.....	8 73	.....	13 00	.....
Kansas City, Mo., Children's Memorial	.....	3 00	27 24	33 63	16 54	3 01	.....
Lawrence, English Lutheran	4 00	11 00	39 50	32 00	22 00	11 00	22 00
Leavenworth, First English Lutheran	1 00	2 00	2 50	9 50	7 00	.....	1 61
Minneapolis, St. Paul's	1 75	5 57	9 35	4 00	2 50	1 00	8 79
Minneapolis, St. John's	1 36	5 64	1 00	50	1 09	70	50
Minneapolis, Grace	30	40	64	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester, St. Paul's	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Morrill, St. Paul's	1 35	1 00	5 00	5 40	3 20	1 00	3 35
New Cambria, New Cambria	55	.....	1 60	1 54	1 74	.....	.....
New Cambria, St. Paul's	60	.....	2 20	2 83	1 49	.....	.....
Norcatur, St. Mark's	90	3 00	7 50	.....	6 00	2 55	.....
Norcatur, St. Paul's	35	1 10	2 [illegible]	.....	2 20	.....	.....
Ottawa, St. Paul's	1 50	5 00	12 50	10 00	10 00	5 00	10 00
Ottawa, Garnett	85	2 90	7 25	5 80	5 80	2 90	5 80
Peabody, St. Paul's	3 90	28 28	32 50	26 00	26 00	13 00	26 00
Salina, St. John's	90	15 80	8 68	7 00	9 60	3 50	5 85
Sedalia, Mo., Trinity	75	2 75	6 65	5 33	8 25	2 50	5 00
St. Joseph, Mo., First English Lutheran	2 35	7 90	19 75	15 80	15 80	.....	.....
Topeka, English Lutheran	2 00	15 50	42 50	12 00	34 06	13 00	19 45
Vinland, St. John's	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waterville, Waterville	2 30	7 60	6 40	5 49	11 32	7 60	15 30
Waterville, Hebron	70	2 40	6 00	3 00	5 00	2 40	4 80
Wellington, St. John's	1 25	4 10	10 25	5 50	8 20	.....	7 00
Wellington, St. James	1 40	4 70	11 75	6 00	7 40	.....	7 50
Whitewater, Zion's	1 75	5 80	9 67	11 60	8 29	5 80	12 01
Whitewater, Trinity	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wichita, First English Lutheran	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total by congregations	$59 32	$260 89	$519 20	$362 40	$366 50	$183 15	$349 43
Individual Contributions.							
Friends East, through Dr. Clutz	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
Fleck, Mr. Ira S	.....	.....	20 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	.....
Freet, Rev. Jonas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Griffith, Rev. J. G.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00	.....
Henry, Rev. S	.....	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total contributions	$59 32	$263 89	$539 20	$382 40	$386 50	$228 15	$449 43
Balance from last report	2 38	126 41	88 12	71 17	15 59	80 05	103 43
Grand totals	$61 70	$390 30	$627 32	$453 57	$402 09	$308 20	$543 86
Disbursed	35 94	348 03	511 28	355 17	345 25	234 73	434 00
Balance on hand	$25 76	$42 27	$116 04	$98 40	$56 84	$73 47	$109 86

The Auditing Committee respectfully reports that it has examined the books,

Fraternally,

of Kansas Synod for the Year Ending October 20, 1896.

Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconess Board	Home for Aged	Total paid on Appointment	Amount Appointed	Excess over Apportionment	Deficit under Apportionment	Midland College Library	Greenleaf & Sedalia Churches	State S. S. Association	Grand Totals
$90 00	.....	$3 60	$5 40	$226 60	$277 50	.....	$50 90	.....	.....	.....	$226 60
16 50	$8 25	5 80	8 25	220 70	217 00	$3 70	.....	$8 90	.....	.....	229 60
.....	5 08	.....	83	29 23	31 55	.....	2 32	.....	.....	.....	29 23
.....	4 82	.....	.....	22 17	52 60	.....	30 43	.....	.....	.....	22 17
1 00	2 36	1 05	50	33 56	39 45	.....	5 89	.....	.....	.....	33 56
.....	3 52	42	.....	17 00	15 75	1 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 00
60	2 80	.....	.....	58 30	73 65	.....	15 35	.....	.....	.....	58 30
.....	.....	.....	.....	14 70	44 70	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	14 70
.....	.....	.....	.....	11 10	42 05	.....	30 95	.....	.....	.....	11 10
.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	39 45	.....	36 95	.....	.....	.....	2 50
.....	.....	.....	.....	1 40	46 00	.....	44 60	.....	.....	.....	1 40
8 60	4 30	3 00	4 30	118 51	113 10	5 41	.....	4 27	.....	.....	122 78
8 10	4 05	2 85	4 05	106 55	106 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106 55
.....	3 54	.....	.....	57 41	77 55	.....	20 14	.....	.....	.....	57 41
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 05	.....	21 05	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 55	.....	10 55	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	5 50	.....	.....	51 71	76 25	.....	24 54	.....	.....	.....	51 71
.....	4 80	.....	.....	42 66	63 10	.....	20 44	.....	.....	.....	42 66
4 40	4 00	1 55	2 20	62 09	57 85	4 24	.....	3 00	.....	.....	65 09
.....	.....	.....	.....	10 79	67 10	.....	56 31	.....	.....	.....	10 79
1 60	80	55	80	27 50	42 05	.....	14 55	.....	.....	.....	27 50
.....	17 70	.....	.....	66 93	357 65	.....	290 72	.....	.....	.....	66 93
2 00	7 13	.....	2 75	95 30	132 85	.....	37 55	.....	.....	.....	95 30
11 00	14 00	4 00	6 00	176 50	139 40	37 10	.....	3 70	$23 25	.....	203 45
.....	1 75	.....	.....	25 36	46 00	.....	20 64	.....	.....	$0 30	25 66
.....	5 00	.....	.....	37 96	77 55	.....	39 59	.....	.....	.....	37 96
.....	.....	.....	.....	10 79	64 40	.....	53 61	.....	.....	.....	10 79
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17 50	.....	17 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
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.....	.....	.....	.....	5 43	44 70	.....	39 27	.....	.....	.....	5 43
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.....	1 50	.....	.....	21 45	39 45	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	21 45
.....	55	.....	.....	6 95	14 50	.....	7 65	.....	.....	.....	6 95
5 00	2 50	1 75	2 50	65 75	65 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 75
2 90	1 78	1 00	1 45	38 43	38 10	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 43
13 00	11 43	4 55	6 50	191 16	170 95	20 21	.....	6 00	.....	.....	197 16
.....	3 50	.....	.....	54 83	207 80	.....	102 97	.....	.....	.....	54 83
2 50	1 25	85	1 25	37 08	32 85	4 23	.....	.....	.....	.....	37 08
7 90	.....	2 75	.....	72 25	103 85	.....	31 60	.....	.....	.....	72 25
2 00	1 00	1 00	1 19	143 70	223 55	.....	79 85	2 50	.....	.....	146 20
.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	31 55	.....	30 25	.....	.....	.....	1 30
1 00	3 95	1 00	.....	61 86	99 95	.....	38 09	.....	.....	.....	61 86
1 00	1 16	50	50	27 46	31 55	.....	4 09	.....	.....	.....	27 46
.....	2 03	1 45	.....	39 80	53 95	.....	14 15	.....	.....	.....	39 80
.....	2 35	1 65	.....	42 75	61 80	.....	19 05	.....	.....	.....	42 75
2 35	2 90	.....	.....	60 17	76 30	.....	16 13	.....	.....	.....	60 17
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32 85	.....	32 85				
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 50	.....	31 50				
$111 45	$135 32	$39 32	$48 47	$2426 45	$3867 95	$76 47	$1519 07	$28 37	$23 25	$0 30	$2478 37
....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 00
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.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	25 00
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00
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23 25	90 08	4 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	535 13
$134 70	$155 40	$43 97	$48 47	.....	.....	.....	.....	$28 37	$24 25	$0 30	$3222 50
14 10	141 32	26 37	29 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 37	24 25	.....	2597 94
$30 60	$14 08	$17 60	$19 34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$0 30	$624 56

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. SELIG, *Treasurer.*

vouchers and reports of the Treasurer, and finds the same correct.

T. E. DEWEY, C. W. HORN, A. F. DRESEL.

APPENDIX B.—PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Names of Congregations.	Parochial.																			Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.						Finances.					
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Moral Expenses for all Objects.			
Abilene, H. C. Haltheox, D. D.	Trinity	1	..	2	1	20	2	5	20	3	....	8	4	5	201	$10000 00	.....	$1500 00			1
Atchison, W. F. Rentz	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	20	3	....	11	4	3	1	2	8	162	10000 00	$2500 00	1719 80			2
Banner City, H. A. Koogle	Mt. Zion	1	..	3	..	....	....	....	1	1	....	2	....	..	25	25 00	.....	220 00			3
	St. James'	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	6	....	2	....	6	..	40	2000 00	.....	314 00			4
Barnes and Greenleaf, J. Nelson Lentz	Messiah	1	..	2	..	....	....	9	....	2	....	3	2	..	40	1500 00	200 00	167 50			5
	Trinity	1	..	1	..	10	1	....	1	10	4	8	10	..	37	200 00	275 00	724 42			6
Beloit, Paul D. Tonsing	Zion's	1	1	1	1	4	....	....	....	16	....	4	1	3	64	3000 00	.....	385 00			7
Bunker Hill, B. F. Kistler	Mt. Zion	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	7	....	....	....	..	34	2000 00	400 00	54 95			8
	Excelsior	1	..	..	..	....	1	....	1	6	1	....	1	1	43	.....	.....	47 46			9
Chapman, H. A. Koogle (Sup.)	Ebenezer	1	..	..	..	....	....	4	....	7	....	....	....	..	36	1200 00	.....	67 00			10
	Scherer Memorial	1	..	2	1	....	....	2	3	3	....	....	....	..	27	1800 00	500 00	205 00			11
Effingham, S. Martin Lesher	First Lutheran	1	..	..	..	....	....	2	6	5	1	4	1	..	56	2000 00	.....	285 13			12
	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	7	2	....	4	6	1	9	....	..	52	5000 00	2000 00	965 88			13
Ellsworth, Vacant	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....			14
	Trinity	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....			15
Emporia, G. A. Bowers	St. Mark's	1	..	2	..	....	....	3	....	3	2	4	2	..	86	13500 00	2850 00	.....			16
East Norway, J. A. Clutz, D. D.	Evan. Lutheran	1	..	2	..	14	....	2	....	9	1	2	2	..	89	3000 00	.....	409 14			17
Eureka, R. B. Wolf	Christ	1	..	2	..	....	....	....	....	2	....	2	3	..	44	5000 00	.....	438 61			18
Hays City, Henry Zimmerman	Trinity	1	..	1	..	25	....	3	6	5	....	14	4	..	53	2000 00	500 00	795 95			19
Hutchinson, Vacant	Zion's	1	..	1	..	....	....	4	....	4	....	3	....	..	54	4500 00	2300 00	825 00			20
Jerico, Mo., J. A. Lowe	Bethel	1	..	1	..	5	2	....	....	3	4	2	1	1	40	40 00	.....	143 00			21
Kansas City, J. M. Cromer	First Lutheran	1	1	2	..	12	....	4	....	15	4	11	7	..	251	5800 00	18500 00	3921 22			22
Kansas City, Vacant	Children's Memorial	1	1	2	..	....	1	8	....	4	....	3	7	3	108	20000 00	5150 00	1462 61			23
Lawrence, J. G. Griffith	English Lutheran	1	..	2	..	8	1	1	2	5	3	4	2	..	110	3000 00	.....	1000 00			24

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Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Officers and Teachers.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Scholars.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members Including Juniors.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Contributions. For Local Objects.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education	Woman's Miss. Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
1	1	1	35	147	$300	19	$12	25	$15	00	24	$12	25	$ 35	$421	10	$32	75	$32	50	$11	00	$21	10	$42	36	$73	20	$16	50	$...	35	$3	00	$2	00	$4	00	$426	50	$1936	50
2	1	1	22	171	300	74	353	00	4	00	29	10	40	4	10	50	41	25	4	00	16	00	4	00	4	00	5	00	84	70	16	00	4	00	1	00	4	00	305	00	2114	15
3	1	1	13	72	100	20	94	00	2	00	14	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	349	93
4	1	1	10	65	100	22	94	00	9	00	25	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	336	17
5	1	1	11	84	100	19	125	00	1	00	26	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00
6	1	1	11	85	100	22	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	443	00
7	1	1	12	94	100	21	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	396	00
8	1	1	10	80	100	10	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	396	00
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19	1	1	10	80	100	14	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00
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21	1	1	10	80	100	14	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00
22	1	1	10	80	100	14	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00
23	1	1	10	80	100	14	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00
24	1	1	10	80	100	14	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00
25	1	1	10	80	100	14	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00
26	1	1	10	80	100	14	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00
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30	1	1	10	80	100	14	94	00	1	00	30	4	00	2	10	00	4	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	2	00	1	00	2	00	23	00	397	00

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Leavenworth, J. W. Kimmel	First Eng. Lutheran.	1	1	1	1	....	....	1	10	2	1	1	2	..	28	$8300 00	$1643 72	$7022 05	25
Manchester, Vacant	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	....	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	26
Minneapolis, J. F. Sponseller.	St. Paul's	1	1	2	1	....	....	....	4	2	....	3	....	..	58	5280 00	900 00	570 00	27
	St. John's	1	..	2	..	....	....	....	3	....	1	2	2	1	50	.....	.....	170 00	28
	Grace	1	..	2	..	....	....	1	16	....	....	....	....	..	20	.....	.....	18 00	29
Morrill, Vacant	St. Paul's	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	..	42	2000 00	.....	550 00	30
New Cambria, J. M. Long	New Cambria	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	5	1	1	1	..	40	5000 00	300 00	200 00	31
	St. Paul's	1	..	..	1	12	....	3	....	6	2	4	1	..	42	250 00	50 00	60 00	32
Norcatur, Jonas Freet	St. Mark's	1	..	1	..	15	1	2	6	5	....	6	....	3	32	1800 00	700 00	235 05	33
	St. Paul's	1	..	1	..	12	1	1	4	6	2	10	....	6	27	1200 00	300 00	75 85	34
Ottawa, J. B. Umberger	St. Paul's, Ottawa	1	..	2	..	4	....	1	6	3	....	1	1	..	45	3600 00	400 00	520 00	35
	St. Paul's, Garnett	1	..	1	..	9	....	....	2	3	1	4	3	..	35	4700 00	1600 00	282 96	36
Peabody, R. H. Williams	St. Paul's	1	1	2	1	9	1	3	....	10	8	14	7	..	158	4500 00	.....	1045 00	37
Portland, Vacant	Trinity	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	....	.....	.....	.....	38
Salina, H. M. Oberholtzer	St. John's	1	..	2	..	23	1	10	5	5	5	2	1	..	150	10000 00	500 00	1318 04	39
Sedalia, Mo., J. F. Seibert	Trinity	1	..	2	..	6	....	....	....	6	2	6	4	10	48	4500 00	2875 00	2176 33	40
St. Joseph, Edward F. Trefz	First Eng. Lutheran.	1	..	2	..	8	2	4	7	8	2	8	11	..	82	16000 00	9000 00	1239 97	41
Topeka, A. E. Wagner	First Lutheran	1	..	1	1	22	4	8	4	4	4	15	9	..	182	15000 00	700 00	1754 68	42
Vinland, Vacant	St. John's	1	..	1	..	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	....	..	25	1500 00	.....	22 00	43
Waterville, I. B. Heisey	Evan. Lutheran	1	1	1	1	....	....	3	3	4	2	3	....	5	86	2500 00	.....	475 00	44
	Hebron	1	..	..	..	....	..	1	1	2	....	....	....	..	22	2500 00	200 00	150 00	45
Wellington, B. F. Pugh	St. John's	1	..	1	..	6	....	....	3	1	....	1	1	1	40	5000 00	500 00	198 78	46
	St. James'	1	..	1	..	6	....	....	4	1	....	....	....	..	43	1500 00	.....	228 39	47

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Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.					Y. P. SOCIETIES.			BENEVOLENCE.														
	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions.		Number of Members, Including Juniors.	Contributions		General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
				For Support of School and Local Objects.	For Benevolence.		For Local Objects.	For Benevolence.															
1	12	92		$97 72	$21 92	35	$69 87	$5 00	$1 00	$2 00	$5 00	$7 00	$7 00	.....	$1 61	$23 00	.....	$1 75	.....	.....	$31 25	$36 61	$7216 21
2	13	134		71 00	5 00	32	62 00	55 00	1 75	5 37	11 95	4 00	2 50	$1 00	9 70	61 13	.....	5 03	.....	.....	250 00	351 09	921 09
1	10	47		13 50	.....	23	4 00	.....	1 35	3 32	1 00	50	1 09	70	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 47	178 47
1	10	42		12 70	.....	41	7 00	.....	30	40	64	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 34	19 34
1	10	90		20 00	.....	27	20 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00	600 00
1	16	112		30 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	1 00	1 54	1 74	.....	.....	1 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 08	207 08
1	12	60		12 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	2 20	2 83	1 79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 52	67 52
1	10	55		35 00	6 00	35	10 00	8 00	80	3 00	7 50	2 50	6 00	2 55	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	1 75	25 70	269 75
1	12	85		24 00	2 06	.....	.....	.....	35	1 10	2 75	.....	2 21	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	6 93	82 80
1	12	53		38 41	31 39	13	86 75	2 75	1 50	5 00	12 50	10 00	10 00	5 00	10 00	25 00	65 00	2 50	91 75	92 50	.....	9 0 75	.....
1	9	31		8 47	8 00	.....	.....	.....	85	2 80	7 25	5 80	5 80	2 80	5 80	.....	2 80	1 75	1 00	1 45	.....	38 43	321 39
1	19	90		52 35	53 79	30	15 00	13 60	3 90	28 28	32 50	21 00	20 00	13 00	26 00	115 27	14 00	11 43	4 55	6 50	24 96	341 39	1396 74
1	2	20		160 16	29 60	40	13 39	.....	80	15 80	8 68	10 86	9 61	3 50	5 85	41 31	.....	3 50	.....	.....	130 00	230 65	1538 07
1	12	148		50 00	13 23	17	21 00	.....	75	2 75	6 65	5 33	8 25	2 50	5 00	.....	2 50	1 25	85	1 25	.....	36 38	2212 71
1	14	125		51 42	17 36	54	1095 00	.....	2 35	7 91	19 75	15 80	15 80	.....	.....	.....	7 90	3 95	.....	3 95	7 00	84 20	2479 17
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1	8	60		10 35	10 30	.....	.....	.....	1 25	4 10	10 25	5 50	8 20	.....	7 00	.....	.....	2 05	1 45	.....	5 00	44 80	243 58
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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.—*Continued.*

Pastors' Names and Addresses.	Congregations, Names of.	Parochial.																		Index No. See line with corresponding No. on page below.
							Losses.			Accessions.						Finances.				
		Churches.	Stations.	Prayer Meetings.	Students for Ministry.	Catechumens.	Death.	Certificate.	Other Losses.	Infant Baptisms.	Adult Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Certificate.	Restoration.	Communicant Membership.	Estimated Value of Church Property.	Indebtedness.	Local Expenses for all Objects.		
Whitewater, H. Acker	Zion	1	..	2	..	....	....	4	2	....	....	....	....	2	....	$1500 00	.....	$300 00		
	Trinity	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....		
Wichita, Vacant	First Eng. Lutheran.	1	..	..	..	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	..	..	.....	.....	.....		
Totals, October, 1896		50	7	56	9	258	23	89	141	193	58	185	102	49	2809	$246285 00	$55693 72	$35648 32		
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The Year's Loss		..	..	3	..	....	4	33	29	....	20	....	77	..	30	.....	.....	.....		

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE KANSAS SYNOD.—*Concluded.*

Index Number.	SUNDAY-SCHOOLS. Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Contributions. For Support of School and Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	Y. P. SOCIETIES. Number of Members including Juniors.	Contributions. For Local Objects.	Contributions. For Benevolence.	BENEVOLENCE. General Synod.	Synodical Treasury.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Church Extension.	Board of Education.	Beneficiary Education.	Woman's Missionary Society.	Pastors' Fund.	Orphans' Home.	Deaconess Board.	Home for the Aged.	External Objects.	Total Benevolence.	Grand Total.
48	1	16	130	$50 00	.....	....	.....	.....	$1 75	$5 80	$9 67	$11 60	$8 29	$5 80	$12 01	$29 70	$2 35	$2 90	.....	.....	.....	$89 87	$439 87
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52	40	518	3240	2114 22	588 82	920	550 52	121 50	37 78	191 99	490 90	338 43	306 93	194 98	419 33	811 76	54 25	110 46	12 90	25	1331 80	4307 75	33998 73
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I. B. HEISEY, JOHN F. SEIBERT, C. C. BARNETT, *Committee.*

APPENDIX C.—Apportionment Table for Kansas Synod, 1896-1897.

Charges and Congregations.	Membership	General Synod Treasury	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deaconess Board	Home for Aged	Totals
Abilene	201	$3 05	$20 10	$52 26	$41 20	$41 20	$20 10	$34 15	$20 10	$10 05	$7 03	$10 05	$259 29
Atchison	162	2 45	16 20	42 10	33 20	33 20	16 20	27 55	16 20	8 10	5 67	8 10	208 97
Banner City, Mt. Zion	25	40	2 50	6 50	4 65	4 65	2 50	4 25	2 50	1 25	90	1 25	70 95
" St. James	40	60	4 00	10 40	8 20	8 20	4 00	6 80	4 00	2 00	1 40	2 00	51 60
Barnes, Messiah	40	60	4 00	10 40	8 20	8 20	4 00	6 80	4 00	2 00	1 40	2 00	51 60
" Trinity	37	55	3 70	9 60	7 60	7 60	3 70	6 30	3 70	1 85	1 30	1 85	47 75
Beloit	64	95	6 40	16 65	13 10	13 10	6 40	10 90	6 40	3 20	2 24	3 20	82 54
Bunker Hill, Mt. Zion	34	50	3 40	8 85	6 90	6 90	3 40	5 80	3 40	1 70	1 20	1 70	43 75
" Excelsior	43	65	4 30	11 20	8 80	8 80	4 30	7 30	4 30	2 15	1 50	2 15	55 45
Chapman, Ebenezer	36	55	3 60	9 35	7 40	7 40	3 60	5 10	3 60	1 80	1 25	1 80	45 45
" Scherer Memorial	27	40	2 70	7 00	5 55	5 55	2 70	4 60	2 70	1 35	95	1 35	34 85
East Norway	89	1 35	8 90	23 15	18 25	18 25	8 90	15 15	8 90	4 45	3 15	4 45	114 90
Effingham, 1st Lutheran	56	85	5 60	14 55	11 50	11 50	5 60	9 50	5 60	2 80	1 95	2 80	72 25
" St. Paul's	52	80	5 20	13 50	10 65	10 65	5 20	8 85	5 20	2 60	1 80	2 60	67 05
Ellsworth, St. Paul.													
" Trinity.													
Emporia	86	1 30	8 60	22 35	17 65	17 65	8 60	14 60	8 60	4 30	3 05	4 30	111 00
Eureka	44	65	4 40	11 45	9 00	9 00	4 40	7 50	4 40	2 20	1 55	2 20	56 75
Hays City	53	80	5 30	13 80	10 85	10 85	5 30	9 00	5 30	2 65	1 85	2 65	68 35
Hutchinson	54	80	5 40	14 05	11 10	11 10	5 40	9 20	5 40	2 70	1 90	2 70	69 75
Jerico	40	60	4 00	14 40	8 20	8 20	4 00	6 80	4 00	2 00	1 40	2 00	55 60
Kansas City, 1st Lutheran	251	3 75	25 10	65 25	51 45	51 45	25 10	42 65	25 10	12 55	8 80	12 55	323 75
" Memorial	106	1 60	10 60	27 55	21 75	21 75	10 60	18 00	10 60	5 30	3 70	5 30	136 75

Apportionment Table for Kansas Synod.—*Concluded.*

Charges and Congregations.	Membership.	Gen. Synod Treasury	Synodical Treasury	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Church Extension	Board of Education	Beneficiary Education	Pastors' Fund	Orphans' Home	Deacons Board	Home for Aged	Totals
Lawrence	110	$1 65	$11 00	$28 60	$22 55	$22 55	$11 00	$18 70	$11 00	$5 50	$3 85	$5 50	$149 90
Leavenworth	28	45	2 80	7 30	5 65	5 65	2 80	4 75	2 80	1 40	1 00	1 40	36 00
Manchester.													
Minneapolis, St. Paul's	58	85	5 80	15 10	11 90	11 90	5 80	9 85	5 80	2 90	2 05	2 90	74 85
" St. John's	50	75	5 00	13 00	10 25	10 25	5 00	8 50	5 00	2 50	1 75	2 50	54 50
" Grace	20	30	2 00	5 20	4 10	4 10	2 00	3 40	2 00	1 00	70	1 00	25 80
Morrill	42	65	4 20	10 90	8 65	8 65	4 20	7 15	4 20	2 10	1 45	2 10	54 25
New Cambria	40	60	4 00	14 40	8 20	8 20	4 00	6 80	4 00	2 00	1 40	2 00	55 60
" St. Paul's	42	65	4 20	10 90	8 65	8 65	4 20	7 15	4 20	2 10	1 45	2 10	54 25
Norcatur, St. Mark's	32	50	3 20	8 30	6 55	6 55	3 20	5 45	3 20	1 60	1 10	1 60	41 25
" St, Paul's	27	40	2 70	7 00	5 55	5 55	2 70	4 60	2 70	1 35	95	1 35	34 85
Ottawa, St. Paul's	45	70	4 50	11 70	9 25	9 25	4 50	7 65	4 50	2 25	1 60	2 25	58 15
" Garnett	35	50	3 50	9 10	7 20	7 20	3 50	5 95	3 50	1 75	1 25	1 75	45 20
Peabody	158	2 35	15 80	41 10	32 40	32 40	15 80	26 85	15 80	7 90	5 55	7 90	203 85
Salina	150	2 25	15 00	39 00	30 75	30 75	15 00	25 50	15 00	7 50	5 25	7 50	193 50
Sedalia	48	70	4 80	12 50	9 85	9 85	4 80	8 15	4 80	2 40	1 70	2 40	61 95
St. Joseph	82	1 25	8 20	21 30	16 80	16 80	8 20	13 95	8 20	4 10	2 85	4 10	105 75
Topeka	182	2 75	18 20	47 30	37 30	37 30	18 20	30 95	18 20	9 10	6 40	9 10	234 80
Vinland	25	35	2 50	6 50	5 15	5 15	2 50	4 25	2 50	1 25	90	1 25	70 95
Waterville	80	1 20	8 00	20 80	16 40	16 40	8 00	13 60	8 00	4 00	2 80	4 00	103 20
" Hebron	22	35	2 20	5 70	4 50	4 50	2 20	3 75	2 20	1 10	75	1 10	28 35
Wellington, St. John's	40	60	4 00	10 40	8 20	8 20	4 00	6 80	4 00	2 00	1 40	2 00	51 60
" St. James	43	65	4 30	11 20	8 80	8 80	4 30	7 30	4 30	2 15	1 50	2 15	55 45

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

KANSAS SYNOD.

HELD IN THE

English Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Kan.,

October 21, 22, 23, 1896.

FIRST SESSION.

LAWRENCE, KAN., OCT. 21, 1896.

The Sixteenth Annual Anniversary Service of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Lutheran Church of the Kansas Synod was held in the English Lutheran Church, Lawrence, Kan., on the evening of Oct. 21st, 7:30 o'clock, members of Synod being present, the President, Mrs. E. C. Beegle, presiding.

The service opened and closed with a chorus of Indian pupils from Haskell Institute.

Liturgical service was conducted by Rev. J. G. Griffith, pastor, reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

Music at proper intervals by choir.

Mrs. J. G. Griffith, of Lawrence, welcomed the delegates in

behalf of the congregation, also speaking of the separation last year and the pleasure of being reunited. Mrs. Judson and Mrs. Newell were mentioned as being the first to leave our shores to carry the gospel to other lands. Although opposed at the outset, three-quarters of a century has done much to remove prejudice, so that in every country women have opportunities of helping the heathen. We have the honor and privilege of belonging to this grand army, whose work is to redeem our sex from domestic and spiritual thraldom.

The response was given by Mrs. C. M. Herbst, Kansas City, Mo., assuring the congregation and friends of our gratitude and appreciation of their loving attention. A brief account was given of the organization of the Society at Canton, Ohio, in 1879, with a membership of 130, and of the work of the intervening years up till the last meeting in Williamsport, Pa., 1895; the number of members at present being 19,553, this increase is cause for much thanksgiving to God for His help. The heart of Lutheranism was located in Illinois; a few statements were also given concerning the foreign workers and their fields of labor.

The President then delivered her annual address.

President's Address.

Dear Sisters and Co-Workers: For the sixteenth time, representatives of Woman's Missionary Societies of this Synod have assembled to report progress and plan for further effort. We are grateful, not only for this privilege, but for the manifold mercies and blessings of the past year. Truly the angel of the Lord, that "encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them," has kept watch over us. Although appalling casualties have devastated districts of our fair land, far and near, leaving desolation and sorrow in their wake, we and our interests have been mercifully shielded.

THE PAST YEAR.

Encouraging success has attended our efforts as a Synodical Society, yet the last-written page of our history must needs record hopes unfulfilled, as well as purposes accomplished. Other officers will report our work in detail, but it is my pleasant privilege to commend past faithfulness, as well as to solicit continued and increased effort.

In reviewing the associations of the past year, in order to render a report thereof, the recollection of correspondence, of personal interviews, of hopeful planning, and of referring perplexities to the Master Himself, is refreshing. A summary of my official acts seems insignificant in comparison with the personal

benefits derived from this touch with the loyal, consecrated women of this Synodical district. My supervision has been chiefly through correspondence, and I take pleasure in expressing my appreciation of the uniform courtesy and co-operation manifested by all with whom I have held such intercourse. Weak are any words of praise I might speak in behalf of my sister officers and committee-ladies. To become acquainted with the personnel of this Synod is to recognize their worth in church work. Wise in counsel, willing in effort, and charitable withal, have they proved.

Correspondence with your respective societies has revealed more than the mere statement of the written page. Timid, self-distrustful sisters have gained self-confidence by relying upon the Source of all strength. Those who long for the diffusion of Gospel light, as does the weary watcher for day-dawn, have been grieved over any seeming abatement of interest on the part of others. The spiritually-minded have become more Christ-like in their efforts to win souls and enlist workers. Some auxiliaries have gained valuable members, whilst in one or two a corresponding loss in membership has been sustained. One new auxiliary—rather a resuscitated one—has been added to our roll, and the prospect for the organization of Woman's Societies in several congregations is encouraging.

Your loyalty in responding to special appeals, which it was our duty to pass on to you from the executives of our general society, has been most gratifying. Knowing the local conditions which must frequently have put the spirit of benevolence to the test, especially in mission churches, we refer all who have contributed under such circumstances to the Master's commendation of the historic widow, for their meed of praise.

Doubtless, peculiar discouragements have tried both faith and hope, but have you not realized the all-sufficiency of the promised grace? Possibly, sometimes, your meetings lacked the enthusiasm of numbers, and you felt tempted to wonder if such effort pays. Yes, it pays. It is the faithful performance of duty as individuals that promotes spiritual growth, increases zeal, and crowns our labors with success. When we feel weak and inefficient, let us place one hand in that of the Master whom we serve, and extend the other with its offering of self, influence, time, and money, to benighted humanity, praying, as did Dr. Bethune, "O God, forgive what I have been; sanctify what I am; order what I shall be, and thine shall be the glory, and mine the everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ, my Lord."

OUR MISSION FIELDS.

The past year has witnessed cheering progress in our work, both at home and abroad. In their untiring and judicious efforts, our missionaries have proved themselves capable, consecrated, self-sacrificing. A joy, an inspiration indeed are they to us.

MEMBERSHIP.

Our general society is growing, but rather slowly. On noting its growth, however, we may rightfully exclaim, "What hath God wrought!"—wrought in

and by a comparatively few women of the General Synod Lutheran Church, who constitute its Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society. "Comparatively few," we say advisedly, since approximately only one-fifth of the woman communicants of the church at large are enrolled as mission workers.

Is not the situation sufficiently analogous to the cleansing of the ten lepers and the subsequent praises of only one of them for us to inquire, in imitation of the Divine Healer, "Have not the women of the Church, as a whole, been partakers of the benefits entailed to woman through Christianity?" And does not the Master's allusion to the ingratitude of the recipients of the special blessings in the inquiry, "Where are the nine?" justify a like inquiry on our part? And why in this Synod, comprising forty-eight congregations, does this Synodical Society number only twenty-nine auxiliaries? Let us inquire into the matter.

Sisters, how far are we responsible for the situation? Are we true mission leaven? Are our hearts so aglow with mission zeal that not only our entreaties, but our silent influence, announces to the indifferent church sister, "The Master calleth for thee?" Are we fulfilling the aim of our organization in disseminating missionary intelligence, and in inculcating a missionary spirit not only in our societies, but in our congregations? Are we urging and praying with the importunity of the widow who thus gained her request?

PLEA FOR ORGANIZATION.

The hearty support of the church boards and many pastors has encouraged enlarged effort, and we are hopeful that the time will soon come when universal endorsement will so further organization, that our General Society, going on "from strength to strength," will become a mighty power in the evangelization of the world.

But Mary and Martha have their counterparts in the church to-day. The Marys still love to sit at the Master's feet and learn His will, whilst the Marthas are still "careful and troubled about many things." In this the close of the nineteenth century of grace and progress it ought not so to be.

The existence of the Woman's Missionary Society has produced not a few arguments in its own favor. Its educational influence upon its members, and through them upon their families; the better impulses with which it has enriched and ennobled womankind, and, above all, the altruistic spirit which has made many an otherwise unfortunate life happy, are some of the blessed reflex benefits of mission work.

We plead for more general organization and the enlistment of a greater number of the women of congregations having Missionary Societies for still another reason—the vastness of woman's work for woman in foreign lands. The 14,000,000 Christian women must carry the gospel to the 425,000,000 heathen women, since social restrictions forbid man's teaching women in heathendom. "The heathen mothers Christianized means heathendom Christianized eventually," says a writer of to-day.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

We sing to the "mighty army of the young,"

"Wait not till the shadows lengthen,
Till you older grow;
Rally now and sing for Jesus,
Ev'rywhere you go;
Lift your joyful voices high,
Ringing clear thro' earth and sky,
Let the blessed tidings fly,
Jesus lives!"

And we do not sing to an imaginary host nor to unwilling subjects. The present uprising of Christian young men and young women is unprecedented in the annals of history. The number of schools for their mental training is multiplying year by year, and the doors of these temples of learning swing open to an ever-increasing procession of the choicest youth the world has ever known. But the development of the benevolent side of the youthful nature must not be left to the erudite professor and the voiceless teachers of the library. It must be commenced in the home, in the Sunday-school, in the Mission Band.

If it be true that the boy is father to the man, it is equally true that the woman is mother to the boy, giving bent to his social and religious nature, and thus to successive generations. Will the mother, the elder sister, the Sunday-school teacher, it may be, who is not herself interested in mission work, awaken any such interest in the youthful mind? The question is not, in reality, "*Will* she do it? but is she whose heart has not responded to the divine appeal *capable of doing so?*" The injunctions of the sage, together with nature's law of the exercise and development of any power, urge a consideration of the question of interesting the young in Mission work.

Many who are deeply interested in the progress of Mission work have deplored the seeming reluctance of not only our young people, but of those who, in many instances, decide such steps for them, in the matter of organization for mission study and mission work in general. Anxious expectancy has, time and again, given way to hopeless disappointments. However, may we not conclude that, when plans failed, prayer prevailed? To-day we rejoice in the prospect of the fulfilment of our fond hopes. Our young people are organizing for Christian work, and a fostering interest in their efforts may bring about the greatly-desired training in all lines of benevolence. We seem to see this increasing army pondering the command, "Go, teach all nations," and to hear a vigorous response, "Here am I; send me."

FINALLY.

Let us endeavor as never before to obey the divine commission, "Occupy till I come;" let us go forward, as a Synodical Society, as auxiliaries, as individual members, praying always, "The work of our hands establish Thou it."

RECOMMENDATIONS.

It seems fitting that we should plan for our next year's work, therefore I would recommend:

1. That studious effort be put forth in enlisting more of the women of our respective congregations, in influencing the women of neighboring congregations to organize, in interesting young people's societies in missionary work, and in organizing children's bands.

2. Infuse systematic effort in all lines of auxiliary work, including a prompt response to appeals for special objects, be the offering of the auxiliary large or small.

3. That we again make box-work a feature of our work for this quarter, possibly by the societies of the several conferences joining in such effort, as heretofore.

4. That a conference convention be held in each conference district during the Synodical year.

5. The appointment of a Synodical reporter who, from time to time, shall furnish notes of methods and progress to the *Missionary Journal*.

6. Continued and increased loyalty to the Executive Committee of our General Society; also to the several church boards.

Respectfully submitted, ELLA C. BEEGLE.

Greetings of pastors and friends.

Offering.

Benediction by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D.

SECOND SESSION.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Devotional Service, "Praise and Thanksgiving," Mrs. Bond, leader.

The President ably presided at all sessions of convention.

The following is a list of officers, life members, delegates and visitors present:

Roll of Officers, Delegates, Life Members, and Visitors.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. Ella C. Beegle, Mrs. A. G. Bond, Mrs. J. G. Griffith, Mrs. A. L. Selig, Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer, Mrs. O. J. Peters.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. Beegle, Mrs. Selig, Mrs. J. M. Cromer, Kansas City, First Church, Mrs. Donmeyer, Salina.

DELEGATES.

Abilene—Mrs. C. Johntz, Miss Eva Haithcox.
Atchison—Mrs. E. C. Beegle.
East Norway—Miss Lou Nelson.
Emporia—Mrs. John Hoffer.
Hebron—Mrs. Bella Kistler.
Hutchinson—Mrs. C. Wherfel.
Kansas City, (First Church)—Mrs. M. C. Ross, Mrs. J. C. Herbst.
Kansas City (Memorial)—Miss Jennie Seybold.
Lawrence—Mrs. Lyter, Mrs. Rhinehart.
Leavenworth—Mrs. Nettie Barnett.
Ottawa—Mrs. J. B. Umberger.
Peabody—Mrs. R. H. Williams.
Perth—Mrs. Pugh.
Salina—Mrs. A. G. Bond, Mrs. Dr. Miller.
Topeka—Mrs. A. E. Wagner, Mrs. S. H. Price.
Waterville—Mrs. I. H. Heisey.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETY.

Miss Emma Kistler, Atchison, Kansas.

CHILDREN'S BANDS.

Mrs. A. L. Selig, Lawrence; Mrs. R. H. Williams, Peabody.

VISITORS.

Miss M. Kirtland, Salina; Mrs. J. Nelson, Mrs. Chas. Avenarius, Mrs. J. G. Gill, Ottawa; Mrs. H. E. Fairchild, Kansas City, Kan.

Minutes read and approved.

Rules of Order read by President.

Reports of Vice Presidents were received.

Report of North-western Conference.

The writing of letters to the various Auxiliaries, and the holding of one public meeting at Minneapolis, in connection with the North Western Conference, was all the special work undertaken during the year.

The meeting with Conference resulted very profitably. The ladies took charge of and conducted the evening service.

At the request of the members of Conference, the Woman's Missionary Society will unite with them in a portion of the services at each meeting hereafter.

Respectfully submitted, ALICE G. BOND.

North-eastern Conference.

Woman's societies exist in nearly all of the churches of this conference, and we hope active societies will soon be organized in the remainder.

Our letter was sent to each auxiliary, commending their efforts and presenting plans for work.

A missionary conference was held at Lawrence in December of last year, in connection with the North-eastern Conference. A very profitable time was spent together, the discussion of practical subjects being an important feature of the meeting.

In response to a solicitation for joint effort in box-work, the society of the conference contributed articles of clothing, etc., for the families of missionaries and for distribution in their respective congregations, either sending their contributions to Lawrence or direct to missionaries. From the collection sent to Lawrence a barrel was sent to the missionary at Chapman and a box to the missionary at Leavenworth.

Respectfully submitted, MRS. J. G. GRIFFITH.

Report of South-western Conference.

Mrs. M. A. Acker, Vice-President of this Conference, being absent, the President reported that the Conference Committee had corresponded with the auxiliaries of the district; also, that the Societies at Peabody and Emporia had contributed to box-work.

The Convention accepted with regret the resignation of Mrs. J. N. Lentz, as Recording Secretary, and elected Mrs. R. H. Williams, Recording Secretary *pro tem.*

Report of Literature Committee.

Your Committee in presenting this report has the conviction that much more might have been done had there been more money in the treasury. We did not have the usual appropriation from the Synodical Treasury, hence could not accomplish much.

In October, 1895, we sent out 350 thank-offering envelopes, which met with hearty response.

In November, thirty postals were written, soliciting subscriptions for the "Mission Studies" and tracts. Eighteen Societies replied promptly, sending subscriptions for eighteen sets of tracts, thirty-one copies of "Mission Studies," and many tracts distributed during the year.

Monthly Tracts to Auxiliaries	336
Mission Band Tracts	84
Free Tracts on "Systematic Giving"	84
Total	504

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

For Convention Literature and Mosaics	$2 79
For Tracts and Mission Studies	12 30
For Photographs of Mrs. Day	1 25
From Mrs. Beegle (a loan to Committee)	4 37
Postage Donation	2 43
	$23 14

Disbursed.

To Mrs. Parr, Convention Literature	$2 82	
" " Literature of Last Year	4 37	
" " Tracts and Mission Studies	12 39	
To Rev. P. A. Heilman (photograph)	1 00	
To Postage	2 43	
		23 01
Balance on hand		$0 13

Abstract of Historian's Report.

One year ago you instructed me to procure a scrap-book, in which to preserve letters from our missionaries, and clippings of missionary intelligence, etc.; also, a book In Memoriam. They are added to the collection. Also, copies of *Mission Studies* and the *Missionary Journal*, and a photograph of our own sainted Mrs. Day.

I again urge that all Auxiliary Societies contribute a brief sketch of their organization. The historical record is incomplete without such a sketch. Date of organization, first officers, time of entrance into Synodical Society, and a carefully prepared statement of amount of money contributed.

Any deaths that may occur in any Society should be reported, with full particulars, to the Historian. During the year that has just closed, no deaths have been reported, and none have occurred to my knowledge.

The General Historian urges the necessity of collecting the photographs of Synodical officers. It surely would be a valuable addition to the collection.

For catalogue of historical matter on hand, see Literature Table.

Respectfully submitted, OLIVE J. PETERS.

Hymn 149.

The following officers and committee submitted their reports:

Corresponding Secretary's Report of the W. H. & F. M. Society of the Kansas Synod, for the Year Ending October, 1896.

Location.	Organized	President.	Members. Active	Honorary	Life	Corresponding Secretary.	Total Number of Members	Average Attendance	Juniors	Children's Missionary	Value of Boxes	Monthly Meeting.
Abilene	1880	Mrs. A. W. Johntz	23	..	..	Miss Eva Haithcox	23	14	16	....	.....	1st Tuesday.
Atchison	1885	Mrs. Ella C. Beegle	18	2	2	Mrs. L. H. Blackburn	20	7	....	....	$22 00	1st Friday.
Denver	1885	Mrs Middlesworth	9	..	..	Mrs. Annie Zern	9	....	2	....	.....	2d Thursday.
East Norway	1881	Mrs. Steanson	18	..	..	Miss Cora Haverson	18	16	17	....	4 50	1st Thursday.
Emporia	1885	Mrs. John Hoffer	15	4	..	Mrs. W. M. Sparr	19	7	11	....	13 50	1st Wednesday.
Hebron	1879	Mrs. Sarah Kistler	9	2	..	Mrs. Lura E. Rice	11	6	....	....	.....	2d Thursday.
Hutchinson	1889	Mrs. Wherfel	6	.	..	Mrs. J. H. Landis	6	6	9	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Kansas City, First Church	1884	Mrs. J. M. Cromer	33	..	1	Mrs. Nannie J. George.	33	16	16	....	100 00	1st Thursday.
Kansas City, Memorial	1884	Mrs. Barnett	10	11	1	Mrs. J. W. Andrews	21	8	9	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Lawrence	1886	Mrs. J. G. Griffith	15	4	1	Miss Belle Schell	19	7	....	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Leavenworth	1892	Mrs. Vanholt	10	..	1	Mrs. H. A. Lord	10	7	10	....	12 00	1st Thursday.
Minneapolis	1885	Mrs. Sponseller	8	..	..	Miss M. J. Bardonnar	8	7	11	....	.....	1st Wednesday.
New Cambria	1888	Mrs. J. M. Long	5	2	..	Miss Messer	7	4	....	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Ottawa	1885	Mrs. A. G. Eggers	9	1	..	Mrs. J. B. Umberger	10	5	8	....	.....	3d Thursday.
Perth	1894	No Report.										
Peabody	1885	Mrs. R. H. Williams.	22	..	..	Mrs. J. S. Schroeder	22	10	....	....	18 00	1st Wednesday.
Salina	1882	Mrs. William Berg	19	6	1	Mrs. N. Nothstein	25	12	18	....	4 50	2d Thursday.
Topeka	1881	Mrs. M. B. Cunning.	23	..	7	Mrs. Price	23	12	....	....	.....	1st Thursday.
Whitewater	1889	Mrs. D. Hanstein	22	3	..	Mrs. Shearer	25	8	15	....	.....	2d Wednesday.

Corresponding Secretary's Report.—*Concluded.*

Location.	Organized	President.	Members. Active	Members. Honorary	Members. Life	Corresponding Secretary.	Total Number of Members.	Average Attendance.	Journals	Children's Missionary	Value of Boxes.	Monthly Meeting.
Waterville	1879	No Report.										
Effingham	1892	Mrs. G. W. White	9	..	..	Mrs. Nettie Harman	9	8	....	....	.....	1st Thursday.
21 Societies.		Totals	283	35	14	....	318	....	142	....	$174 50	
Y. P. Societies.												
Atchison and M. C.	1890	Miss M. Wasserfalien	11		..	Miss Rose McClellan	11					
1 Society.		Totals	11	..	..		11					
Children's Mission Bands.						Superintendents.						
Atchison	1891	Millie Anderson	28	..	..	Mrs. H. L. Yarger	28	18	....	20	.....	Alternate Satur.
Effingham	1893	No Report.										
Kansas City, Mem.	1892	F. Detweiler	34	..	..	Gladys Colt	34	18	....	15	$2 00	1st Sunday.
Lawrence	1890	Edna Gardner	41	9	..	May Rogers	50	20	....	25	.....	1st Sunday.
Emporia	1894	Flossie Nicholas	16	..	..	Mrs. D. B. Seward	16					
Peabody	1889		21	1	..		22	12				
6 Societies.	....	Totals	140	10	..		150	....	....	....	$2 00	
Grand Total	....	28 Societies	434	45	14		479	....	142	....	$176 50	

Mrs. H. M. OBERHOLTZER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Treasurer's Report of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Kansas Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church for the Year Ending September 30, 1896.

Societies and Bands.	Synodical Fees	Literature	General Fund	Foreign Missions.	Thank-Offering	Council Bluffs	Ann Arbor	San José	India Pupil	Mrs. Day Memorial	Day Monument	Totals
Abilene	$2 30	$1 00	$36 00	$2 20	.....	$5 00	$10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	$57 10
Atchison	1 90	50	25 85	.....	$6 70	.....	3 22	.....	.....	.....	.....	38 17
Barnes	70	.....	4 20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 90
Denver	.....	.....	9 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	$4 25	.....	$5 00	.....	19 25
East Norway	2 80	50	21 90	.....	5 45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 65
Emporia	1 50	50	17 00	.....	4 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 25
Effingham	50	.....	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 00
Hebron	90	50	11 40	.....	3 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 85
Hutchinson	85	.....	7 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 65
Kansas City, First Church	.....	.....	36 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 90
Kansas City, Children's Memorial	.....	50	19 90	.....	3 10	.....	3 30	.....	.....	3 78	.....	30 58
Lawrence	1 50	75	22 85	.....	5 00	.....	7 00	4 25	.....	5 00	.....	46 35
Leavenworth	2 00	50	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Minneapolis	70	50	8 00	.....	1 93	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 13
New Cambria	2 87	.....	1 90	.....	1 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 87
Ottawa	90	75	12 95	.....	2 10	.....	3 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 45
Peabody	3 35	.....	27 35	.....	7 28	6 20	15 16	.....	.....	.....	.....	59 34
Perth	40	50	9 30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 20
Salina	2 55	.....	*41 25	.....	2 67	2 00	10 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	58 47
Topeka	1 80	75	27 60	.....	3 70	.....	2 65	.....	.....	.....	.....	36 50

* Includes $10.00 for life-membership of Mrs. Elizabeth Donmyer.

Treasurer's Report.—*Concluded.*

Societies and Bands.	Synodical Fees.	Literature	General Fund	Foreign Missions	Thank-Offering.	Council Bluffs	Ann Arbor	San José	India Pupil	Mrs. Day Memorial	Day Monument	Totals
Waterville	$0 30	.....	$14 05	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$14 35
Whitewater	1 30	$1 00	12 45	$9 30	$1 65	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 70
Atchison, Y. P. Mission Band	70	.....	6 15	.....	81	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7 66
Atchison, Children's Band	1 00	.....	5 03	*15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 03
Emporia, Children's Band	.....	.....	2 05	.....	2 02	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 07
Effingham, Children's Band	.....	.....	2 19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 19
Kansas City, Memorial, Children's B.	.....	.....	3 88	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 88
Lawrence, Children's Band	1 00	25	13 25	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	$25 00	.....	.....	41 50
Peabody, Children's Band	.....	.....	21 60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 60
Mrs. Ira S. Fleck, Russell, Kans.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00
Mrs. J. G. Griffith, Lawrence	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Mrs. J. U. George, Kansas City, Mo.	.....	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50
Contributed at Convention of 1895.	6 33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$10 00	16 33
Total contributions	$38 15	$9 00	$434 40	$26 50	$53 81	$19 20	$60 08	$8 50	$25 00	$13 78	$10 00	$698 42
Balance from last report	2 42	.....	18 75	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21 17
Grand totals	$40 57	$9 00	$453 15	$26 50	$53 81	$19 20	$60 08	$8 50	$25 00	$13 78	$10 00	$719 59
Disbursements	17 40	9 00	453 15	26 50	53 81	19 20	60 08	8 50	25 00	13 78	10 00	696 42
Balance on hand	$23 17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$23 17

* $5.00 for support of Miss Davis, $5.00 for support of Mrs. P. Lucy, and $5.00 for support of Miss Faha.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY F. SELIG, *Treasurer.*

Paper, "Occupy Till I Come," written by Mrs. Riffle, of Perth, read by Miss Jennie Seybold, of Kansas City.

Extracts from "Occupy Till I Come:"—

It was our Saviour who said, "Occupy till I come," but the question is, what did He intend us to occupy? It means to use our positions in life, time, talents, opportunities, our means and our all, for the cause of Christ on earth.

Only as we have Christ abiding in us are we able to fill our various positions and use our time and talents in His service. What we have has been given us to "occupy" till He comes, and whether it be little or much, we must use our means, knowing God can give an hundred fold in return.

The Corresponding Secretary being called upon by the President, made a few suggestions relative to more correct reporting.

Address by Rev. S. B. Barnitz, D. D., Secretary of Board of Home Missions.

Benediction by Rev. Dr. Barnitz closed the session.

THIRD SESSION.

2 P. M.

Devotional service, led by Mrs. Bella Kistler; subject, "Giving."

2:30. Business session opened with singing.

Roll call.

Minutes of morning session read and approved.

Greetings from the following persons read:

Mrs. C. A. Swenssen, of Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas.

Mrs. A. V. Hunter, Columbia City, Ind., President of General Society.

Mrs. A. V. Hamma, Baltimore, Md., Treasurer of General Society.

Rev. G. P. Goll, returning missionary to Africa.

Letter from Rev. D. R. P. Barry, Pittsburg, Pa., containing information regarding Mrs. E. V. Day's protegé.

Prayer by Mrs. Griffith.

Historian's Retrospect.

"Backward, turn backward, just for once, O! Mother time in your flight."

I have been asked to give you the progressive steps of the Kansas Synodical Society, in its development and growth, from the time of its organization up to the present. October 14, 1880, five ladies, strong in faith for the Master's work, met in the Lutheran church of this city, (Father Trimper pastor—he has long since gone to his reward), to organize a Synodical Society in connection with the Kansas Synod. We met as representatives from four auxilaries. Back of us to-day lie sixteen years of earnest, faithful labor. In the very infancy of our church organizations, we were endeavoring to plant Woman's Missionary Societies, thereby helping to give strength and life to all the benevolent enterprises. The propriety was indeed looked upon by some of the wiser lights with a degree of suspicion. Woman's societies ware an innovation, but they have proved themselves to be a good thing. The Woman's Societies of to-day are doing more for benevolence than the whole General Synod did, when organized in 1820. Is not to-day the fulfillment of yesterday, the promise of to-morrow? In the beginning of this work, large sums were not added to the "General Treasury," but we believe that every dollar paid was given through sacrifice, and the offerings thus made are great in God's sight, and are the most inspiring missionary sermons ever preached. We met in churches that had been erected during seasons of severe drought, failure of crops, removal of members and friends, and many bitter discouragements; they had cost sleepless hours, tears and toilings, but the welcome always came from hearts glowing with the warmth of Christian love.

Some of our faithful ministers and their wives traveled overland from 100 to 150 miles to attend the Annual Meeting of Synod and Woman's Convention. God had given us this work to do, He had answered our prayers of faith, giving us greater gifts than we had faith to ask for. Each year noted advancement in gain of auxiliaries, membership and offerings. Our first special object was Freeport. In many instances the question arose, was it wise, was it prudent for our struggling societies, that represented organizations without a church home, to contribute to other missions. But Christ said "Bear ye one another's burdens and thus fulfil the law." At this time Miss Kistler was contemplating the work for India; this opened anew a special interest in Foreign work, enlarging our love and enthusiasm for the world's salvation. The work had been marked by a steady and appreciable progress. A Literature Committee was appointed, tracts and leaflets pertaining to the subject of missions were disseminated, Conference Committees appointed, and whenever expedient a half day's session held in connection with the conference, thus arousing an interest on the subject of missions in that community. There was such commendable progress in more systematic work and increased contributions, that it was deemed expedient that the Kansas Synodical Society should be incorporated under the laws of the state of Kansas.

In 1889 the Executive Committee decided to issue a little quarterly called the *Synodical Reporter*. It was found exceedingly helpful in many ways, and was published four years. It was under the control and supervision of the synodical officers. Young Ladies' Societies and Children's Bands were organized and thus step by step the work grew, talent hitherto dormant was developed and in many instances surprisingly. I remember the day when a "missionary meeting" was looked upon with terror. Now it is hailed with delight.

We have numbered 26 Societies, and now a membership of over 500. $7871.18 have gone into the General Treasury through the channels of these Woman's Societies; thus the little we have given has helped to build churches, supported missionaries at home and abroad, educated natives for the ministry and contributed to the comfort and well-being of our sisters in India and Africa. I fear some of us 16 years ago thought India and Africa, oh, so far away! Yes, over 7000 miles away, just the same distance to-day, how changed our views. We have loved ones over there, and the distance does not seem half so great. We are interested in them and their work. We have become better informed. We know their needs, and better understand the divine injunction, "Go ye into all the world." We should not forget the spiritual benefit derived from our mingling together once a month, and also in these annual meetings. This cannot be computed in dollars and cents. "She hath done what she could" is a comforting passage of Scripture. It is God's eye that seeth and understands the efforts made by His servants, and He will bestow upon them the merited reward. As I look into your faces to-day, I see old and tried friends and workers. I believe your Historian is the only one present that met here 16 years ago; the others are faithful in the work, but have gone to distant fields. Let us thank God for past blessings, and take a peep into the future. What, 16 years hence? Each year brings more work, more time, and more money. Are we ready to help answer our own prayers, and to do what the Lord gives us to do? What we would do let us do quickly, for, perchance, it may be written of some of us, "This year thou shalt die," and we are told, "Blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the City."

A recent writer has said, "It is estimated that the number of professing women belonging to the various denominations represented in the Board of the Woman's Missionary Societies is less than one in ten." If so, "where are the nine?" Alas! and where are the nine?

Discussion of Young People's Societies and Mission Bands.

Young Peoples' Societies: Infusing the missionary spirit into Y. P. S. C. E.; interesting the parents; taking our disappointments to the Lord in prayer, were some of the thoughts developed.

The President suggested that our special effort for the coming year be to promote the missionary spirit in the Young Peoples' Societies.

Children's Bands: Methods of work, need of organization, benefits to be derived from same, were some of the topics discussed. Suggestions were made by leaders of bands present as to the most successful manner of overcoming the difficulties in the way of such work—to interest the parents first; to enlist the children in infancy; to give frequent public exhibitions; to have faithful and efficient superintendents, were only a few of the suggestions.

Mrs. I. H. Heisey represented a Junior Y. P. S. C. E., and expressed the hope that it would soon become a Mission Band.

One of the most enjoyable features of the afternoon was the excellegt programme rendered by the Lawrence Children's Band, under the leadership of Mrs. A. L. Selig, who has shown much ability in this line.

This was followed by sentence prayer and the appointment of reporters for the various papers.

Reporters.

Observer—Mrs. Oberholtzer.
Journal—Mrs. Umberger.
World—Mrs. Herbst.
Evangelist and Local Press—Mrs. Bond.
Singing of Hymn 62.
Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

FOURTH SESSION.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Voluntary devotional service, subject: "Thy Kingdom Come," leader, Mrs. Umberger.
Minutes read and approved.
Roll call.
Prayer.
Reading of rules governing elections, by President.

Amendment to By-Laws.

Mrs. Beegle presented the following amendment to By-laws:

ARTICLE II.

Trustees.

SECTION 1. A trustee board of five members shall exist, who shall represent this Society as a corporate body.

SEC. 2. The term of office of said trustee shall be five years, one being elected every third year, and two, each of the intervening years.

On motion, adopted as read.

Election of trustees resulted as follows:

Mrs. Beegle and Mrs. Bond, three years.

Mrs. Selig, Mrs. Herbst, two years.

Mrs. Johntz, one year.

Election of Officers.

President—Mrs. Alice G. Bond.

First Vice President—Mrs. E. C. Beegle.

Second Vice President—Mrs. C. Johntz.

Third Vice President—Mrs. M. A. Acker.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. R. H. Williams.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. H. M. Oberholtzer.

Treasurer—Mrs. John Hoffer.

Delegate to Biennial Convention—Mrs. E. C. Beegle.

Alternate—Mrs. A. L. Selig.

Adjourned with Lord's Prayer.

FIFTH SESSION.

1:30 P. M.

Meeting of Executive Committee.

Committees for coming year appointed.

Regular meeting opened with an address by Dr. Geo. Scholl, Secretary Board of Foreign Missions.

Address by Rev. E. F. Trefz, making a plea for the St. Joseph Mission that it be taken up by the General Society as its next new field.

Ladies present in favor of so doing.

The following bills were examined and allowed:

Stationery (Synodical officers)	$3 50
President's correspondence	3 50
Historian's correspondence	36
Treasurer's correspondence	3 50
Corresponding Secretary's correspondence	1 62
Historian's book	1 50
Convention programme	3 00
Literature Committee correspondence	2 43
President's traveling expenses to Convention	3 30
Corresponding Secretary's traveling expenses to Convention	8 64
Total	$31 35

DONATIONS.

Correspondence (Literature Committee)	$2 43
President's traveling expenses	3 30
	$5 73

Suggestions contained in circular sent out by Executive Committee of General Society for discussion received full consideration.

The Convention unanimously voted against locating all the missions on Pacific Coast.

Motion by Mrs. Cromer that the delegate to General Society be so instructed.

2d. Discussion on advisability of having a Woman's Magazine. No action taken.

3d. To what amount of money shall Missions be helped by society? Shall whole amount be gift or part loan? Mrs. Peters moved the matter be left to the decision of Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Paper. "The new Synodical year. Its demands and opportunities," written by Mrs. J. W. Kimmel. Read by Mrs. Griffith.

Extracts from Paper.

As we stand at the opening of a new Synodical year, no gift of prophecy is needed to forecast *probable* demands, that may be urged upon the Woman's Missionary Society of our church. It is not necessary to speculate upon projects the future has in store, but to consider in a practical way the obligations already assumed, and gird ourselves for the work along definite lines. We may properly measure our ability for this work by the achievements of the past, knowing in whom to trust for constant guidance and strength.

Beginning at home, each one is pledged to holy living both in public and

private, laying hold of all means of grace, and doing with our might what our hands find to do. Faithful attendance at our monthly meetings, striving by our own sympathies to arouse the interest of others. We especially advocate the interesting of the young people; training them for future work.

As is general, two objects are taken up by the committee of General Society, one at home and one in foreign field. Let us rally at once in helping the Executive Committee's calls for support, by liberal and prompt meeting of our apportionments.

Notwithstanding many shortcomings, our brief history is full of encouragement, and should inspire us to more and better work in the future, giving God the glory.

Adjourned until 6 : 30 o'clock.

SIXTH SESSION.

Evening session opened with prayer by Rev. Pugh.

Symposium, "Forward."

(*a*) As a Synodical Society, Mrs. Bond.

Extracts from paper:

As a Synodical Society we must advance, or we shall decline; the universal law is progress or death. Advancement may be made by effecting new organizations, increasing the membership, or increasing in benevolence and spirituality—all within our ability.

Increased interest gained by greater intelligence and a well informed membership; wide awake, well-read and thoughtfully intelligent members make strong and growing organizations.

Concert of action, promptness in the performance of duty and fidelity to the trust placed in our hands, will insure advancement.

(*b*) As Auxiliaries, Mrs. A. W. Johntz.

Many helpful hints given as to each member's duty, in praying for the meetings, sympathy in the work, taking part when asked, always trying to interest others by your own interest, giving liberally when asked for any special object, and with all looking to our Father for strength and help.

Motion carried that we accept invitation to meet with Synod at Sedalia, Mo.

Reports of Convention Committees.

ON PRESIDENT'S AND VICE-PRESIDENTS' REPORTS.

Your Committee on Officers' Reports has carefully examined the same, and suggests the adoption of the recommendations contained in President's Address.

The Vice-Presidents' reports are encouraging. We recommend a continuation of like work for the ensuing year.

The Committee recommends that a vote of thanks be tendered the President for the faithful discharge of the duties of her office for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WHERFEL.
MRS. MILLER,
MRS. BARNETT.

ON CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS.

We your Committee appointed to audit the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, have completed our examination, with the vouchers, and find the same correct.

We would recommend to the Synodical Societies more promptness in forwarding their reports, so as to prevent the great inconveniences under which these faithful officers have labored.

Resolved, That we tender our hearty thanks to both the Corresponping Secretary and Treasurer for their efficient services, their accuracy of account, and faithfulness in the discharge of the duties of their respective officers.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. HERBST,
MRS. BELLA KISTLER,
MRS. A. E. WAGNER.

ON LITERATURE COMMITTEE AND HISTORIAN'S REPORT.

Your Committee would report progress and efficient work done by the Literature Committee.

We trust that all will make faithful use of *Mission Studies* and tracts, and that there may be a reaching out for missionary intelligence in all directions.

Historian's Report.—We find the work of the historian has been faithfully done. She has followed the instructions given her at the last Convention. We would recommend the adoption of the suggestions given in her report.

Historian's Retrospect.—This most excellent paper, prepared and read by our Historian, was much enjoyed and is valuable as history.

We suggest that it be printed in full in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. B. F. PUGH,
MISS LOU NELSON,

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg leave to submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That, as a Synodical Society, we render unto our Heavenly Father our sincere gratitude for the loving kindness and tender mercies that have attended us during the past year.

2. *Resolved*, That we most heartily acknowledge the kindness and courtesy of Mr. J. B. Watkins, President of the Watkins Bank, in granting us the use of this pleasant room during our Convention; also of Mr. Sweet, Superintendent

of Haskell Institute, for courtesies extended, and of W. C. T. U. for favors granted. We also desire to express our appreciation of the warm welcome extended to our body by the Synod in re-union.

3. *Resolved*, That we, as a body of Christian women, reaffirm our allegiance to Temperance principles, and urge all to use their influence for the promotion of this most important work.

4. *Resolved*, That we extend hearty thanks to the pastor and his wife, and the members of this congregation, for their most cheerful and hospitable entertainment.

5. *Resolved*, That the addresses of Dr. Barnitz and Dr. Scholl have given us encouragement and inspiration to press forward in our missionary efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. B. UMBERGER,
MISS JENNIE SEYBOLD,
MRS. M. C. ROSS.

On motion, reports were adopted as a whole.

Committee appointed to extend greetings to Mrs. Kimmel: Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Pugh.

Adjourned with Benediction by Rev. Heisey.

MRS. R. H. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

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